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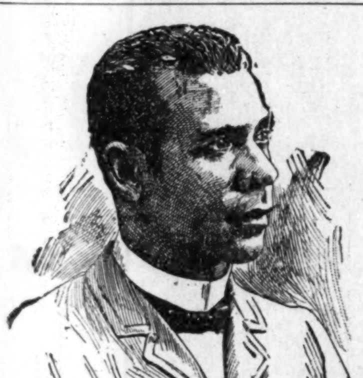
A ROYAL WELCOME!

TENDERED DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AT HOUSTON, TEX.

CITIZENS VIE TO DO HIM HONOR!

The Peerless Orator Addresses Several Gatherings and Maks Deep Impression upon his Auditors—Much Interest Taken by White People.

Houston, Tex., Special.—In this all but southernmost of Southern cities, Dr. Booker T. Washington, the great "apostle of industrialism," the proudest product of the Negro people, was, together with his secretary, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, royally received by black and white citizens on the 29th ult., in a way that must have cheered their hearts This is Mr. Scott's former home, and his friends and neighbors have vied to make the visit a pleasurable one in every possible way. An organization was perfected several weeks ago and committees on arrangement and reception appointed. The most representative colored citizens of the state have found their way here and have paid the full meed of praise and honor to the great and unselfish leader. The day was crowded with incidents. Dr. Washington and Mr. Scott were met at the Grand Central depot by a reception committee of more than one hundred persons, while a vast horde of blacks and whites gathered to catch a glimpse of the distinguished leader. No such crowd has gathered to welcome a public man since former President McKinley was here two years ago. A banquet was tendered, a drive around the city arranged, a meeting held with leading white citizens, out of which will grow a larger interest in the Negro and his interests. In the afternoon an informal conference was held in the auditorium of Trinity M. E. church, one of the most beautiful churches in the South, at which addresses were made by the visitors and also by a number of the most prominent and representative educators, business men and public spirited citizens of the state. Here free interchange of opinion was had and out of it will grow larger enthusiasm, and more substantial service for the race on the part of these leaders of their people in this great state.


DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

But more significant than all was the cordial and warm reception tendered Dr. Washington by the Houston Cotton Exchange and Houston Commercial Club, the city's two representative business organizations, on the floor of the Cotton Exchange, at which place Dr. Washington spoke by special invitation, to the business men of Houston. The men who control the great business interests of this, the richest of Texas cities, were proud to do honor to the honored representative of our people. It was an inspiring sight to see that man of dark visage surrounded on the floor of the mart of trade by ths representatives of Commercial Houston. To say that Mr. Washington charmed and delighted his hearers, is to feebly express the demonstrations of approval that were in evidence during and after his address. The appeal for his people for mutual help and sympathy and forbearance, was eloquent and will do good—indeed, has already done good, as was testified by the Houston Daily Post, the strongest newspaper of this section, in a reference to the occasion, the man and the event. Four and one half columns of space were devoted to chronicling the events of the day and Dr. Washington's movements while in the city. At the Auditorium, the largest hall in the South, perhaps, where he spoke at night, a mighty concourse of people gathered to listen to the formal address announced for delivery. Principal E. L. Blackshear, of the State Normal School for Negro youth, welcomed the guest of the evening to the state; a representative of the city government delivered an address of welcome to the city, after which Dr. Washington was introduced by Mr. Scott from the very same platform upon which they met for the first time five and one half years ago, and from which he performed a similar service at that time. Dr. Washington looked out upon a veritable sea of upturned faces and spoke for nearly two hours to his audience composed of both races in nearly equal proportions.

At the conclusion an ovation of surpassing magnitude was given him. The cause of the race has been helped forward immeasurably by the presence of Dr. Washington, and his departure at night after so short a stay was regretted by blacks and whites alike—all of whom would have heard him longer and honored him more. He proceeded to California, where he is to spend fifteen days in speaking at various centers in the state, notably at Los Angeles before the California State Teachers' Association, Leland Stanford Junior University and the University of California.

It was a great week for all Texans, and Dr. Washington's optimistic, sympathetic helpfulness, his good cheer and all, have put new life and spirit in those seeking to help forward the cause of the race in this state.

Windy City Local News.

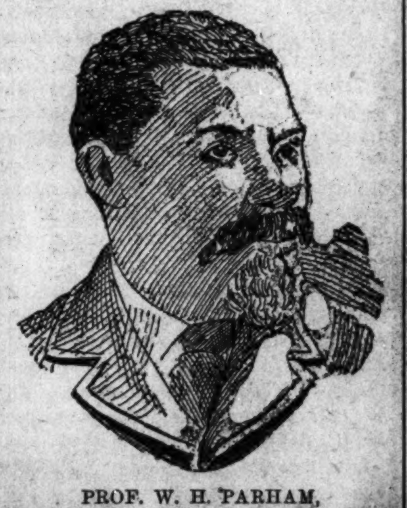
Chicago, Ill., Special.—Mr. Fred Byrd, for several years head bellman at the Lexington hotel, was killed by Walter Edwards a bell boy. It is rumored that there was a woman in the case. His body was shipped to Ohio. Edwards escaped. Young men, beware of bad company and bad women. Miss Belle Loveing of 2536 Wabash avenue, who was taken ill last Friday, is able to be out again. She is one of our charming and enterprising young ladies. Make a note of this, Sammie. Mrs Kreys of Minneapolis, Minn., who was called here by the death of her brother recently, has returned home. Revival services have commenced at Olivet Baptist church. Its recent pastor, Rev A Fisher, is doing grand work. He will be ably assisted by visiting ministers during his revival. It is our sincere hope that the Negro journals will not agitate, glorify, comment or excite enthusiasm over the recent steps that our beloved President, Theodore Roosevelt, has taken toward us as a race by showing our Caucasian friend of the South that he is the colored man and woman's friend. If they do it may have a tendency to suppress greater things that are in store for the future. We appreciate to the depths of our soul every step the President makes toward the promotion and advancement of us, but there are so many ways in which we can cripple his movements, by too much editorialism upon the matter. We are being recognized as a progressive race by the better element of the Caucassian race, but if we show too much hilarity or want to become selfish over the matter by condemning the South in general, we class them as one, and thereby gain the ill will of what true friends we do have. The better element are not going to see us suffer for proper recognition, where it be worthy, if we show the appreciation of it in a quiet and sedate manner. So the least said at present the better it will be for us outside of thanking the President I hope all Negro publications will see the point of this letter and avoid what might prove detrimental comment.

Notable, Newsy Nuggets.

Lebanon, Ky., Special.—Rev. Wm. McElroy preached at the Zion church Sunday afternoon upon the origin of the Lord's supper, after which communion was administered, Rev. Dr. Brown, officiating. Sir Knight A. O Green, C. G. M. of the Order of Twelve, made his annual visit to the Temple and Tabernacle here and found them in good condition. They own a good hall here. An oyster supper will be given at the parsonage of Zion church by the stewardesses to-night. The public is invited.

Nuggets New and Novel.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—Dennis Hooper has returned from Lake City, Fla., his former home, and has assumed a business air. It would be advisable to consider the standing of The Freeman, its circulation and the good it is doing throughout the country before you criticise Negro journalism. Pay now and receive a copy one year for $1. Mrs. Lina Shackelford was buried from Ewing Chapel C. M. E. church Monday afternoon, Rev. Tolbert officiating Miss Mattie Shegog royally entertained a few of her friends at her home Monday night. Mrs. William Ash has received a letter from her son, J. W. Ash, stating that he has re-enlisted in the United States army. He is a member of the gallant 9th cavalry, and has seen foreign service. Bob Stokes dined James Crosby and several others of the Black Patti Troubadour company while they were in the city filling an engagement. Mrs. Bettie Cotton, of Paris, spent several days here, the guest of Mrs. H. W. Myers, in Jackson street. Rev. J. L. Griffin is waging war again satan at Mt. Rose Baptist church. Many of our people need to learn how to act at public gatherings and save themselves from much criticism by other races. Dr. West has requested that the bad boys and girls who attend his church would stay away until they can show better respect for the house of God. Mesdames George Franklin and Susie H. Porter spent Sunday in the Panther City. Let every voter pay his poll tax before the 1st of February; it is only $1.25. E. M. Jones, D. G. M. of Knight Templars, has a number of young men ready to be Knighted. There are too many idle Negro children in the streets of Dallas. They should be in school and their parents should see that they do not play truant. The small gamblers are getting along swimmingly with Chief Winfrey's blue coats.


PROF. W. H. PARHAM,
Distinguished Educator of Cincinnati, O.

Church and Social News.

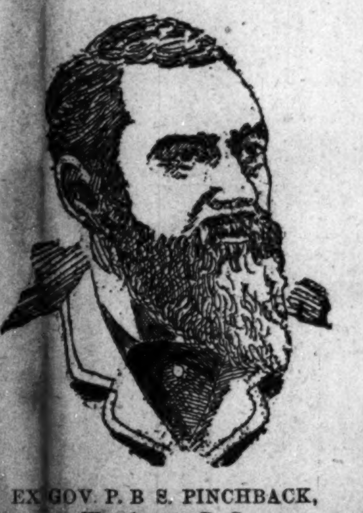
Paducah, Ky., Special.—Presiding Elder Thompson was in the city on the 10th. His daughter, Miss Ruby, is quite a poetess, and the future may hold for her both fame and fortune. Joe Shannon is confined to his room with rheumatism. Omar Phillips is very ill. Miss Estella Proctor entertained on the 5th in honor of her 16th birthday anniversary, at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Fortune, in S. Seventh street. The B. Y. P. U. was largely attended at Washington Street church last Sunday. Mrs. Loving made a brief visit out of the city Saturday. Uncle Osca Winn is very ill in Monroe street. Miss Pauline Connier died on the 11th of consumption. Miss Eludie Overstreet is on the sick list. The U. B. F.'s and S. M. T.'s held their installation of officers last week. Rev. W. E Glover has returned from a week's visit in Hopkinsville. Miss Addie Howell has accepted a position in our city schools. Rev. G. H. Burks is on the mend slowly. Ike Stanley died last week of consumption. Miss Carothers will return to Nashville soon, where she re-enters Walden University. Allen League meets every Sunday afternoon. I. C. Townsend made a brief trip to Brookport last week on business. Rev. Dr. Reed is preparing to celebrate the 24th anniversary of his entrance into the ministry.

News of the Week from Decatur.

Decatur, Ill., Special.—Messrs Wayne Wilkerson and Solomon Lee are traveling in the South lecturing and giving concerts. They report a crowning success. Mrs Mary Moore has returned from an extended visit in Kankakee, Ill. Mrs Bettie Moore was called to the bedside of her sister. Mrs De Shields of East St. Louis, Ill. Mrs Hannah Kinney is seriously sick at her residence, 778 N. Mercer street. The inclement weather caused a very poor attendance at the A. M. E. and Baptist churches last Sunday, it being the coldest day of the season.

Personal Items from Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Hon. John G. Jones, of Chicago, Ill., Most Sovereign Grand of the high degree of Masonry, made an official visit to the Atlanta Prince Hall Consistory last week. Mr Jones was very much pleased at the reception given him by his brothers here. Messrs Alex Hamilton, Dr. H. R. Butler and L L. Lee had him in charge while here. Rev. W. H. Tillman, former pastor of Wheat Street Baptist church for a number of years, died last week. Rev. P. James Bryant and others conducted the funeral services. The many friends of Capt. C. C. Wimbish regret that the President could not see his way clear in reappointing him to the office of Surveyor of Customs. Capt. Wimbish has made a very efficient official, first being appointed by President Harrison, also by President McKinley. He leaves the office with a clean, clear record. Dr. Charles Cargile, formerly of Savannah, Ga., has been appointed pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church here. Dr. C. W. Newton succeeded Dr. Cargile at Savannah. G. W. Tate, president of the Atlanta Shoe Company here, states that the company will be ready to open doors for business in a very short time with a first class stock. The many friends of Dr. J S. Flipper, the popular pastor of St. Paul A. M E. church, will be delighted to know that he has completely recovered from his recent illness. A number of gentlemen have organized a company with a view of publishing a daily paper. Quite a number of shares of stock have already been taken.


EX GOV. P. B S. PINCHBACK,
Washington, D. C.

Terse, Timely Topics.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—The Eastman hotel will throw her doors open for the reception of guests about the 20th inst., with Lee Walker in charge of the dining room. Mose Jefferies, of Little Rock, Ark., is here for the season, working at the new Waverly hotel. The Waters and Bellmens' Social club opened last week at 526 Central avenue, under the management of C. L. Fowler. The entertainment pulled off at the Auditorium on the 8th by T. H. Price, was certainly a corker. The house was packed to its utmost capacity, composed of both white and colored. Joe Goodman, chief cook at the new Waverly hotel, with the assistance of Robert McAlmond and Benjamin Elerick, is giving the best of satisfaction. S. L. Smith, of Peoria, Ill, is here for the season. Please pay our agent for The Freeman every week, which can be found at 36 Central avenue.

Quarterly Meeting Services.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, Presiding Elder Lewis being present to conduct the services. Rev. Thomas, of Anderson, was present and assisted. Dr. and Mrs. Morin are entertaining friends from out of the city. Miss Coleman, of Ohio, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fossett. Rev. Taylor, of the A. M. E. church, spent a few days in Marion last week. Monday evening love feast was administered at the A. M. E. church. The trial of Lawrence White for the burning of Mrs. J. Davis, will come up in February. Mrs. Davis is able to be out, although very much disfigured about the face and head. The little son of Mr. and Mrs John Burnham is seriously ill of typhoid fever.

Mound City News.

Mound City, Ill, Ill., Special.—Mesdames Eliza Caldwell and Fannie Duncan are on the sick list. Dan Johnson was in the city Sunday. Miss Josie Rucker, who has been teaching in Kentucky the past six months, has returned home. Mrs. Martha Bugg returned Tuesday from her visit to Columbus, Ky. Attorney C. L. Rice was in the city until Thursday, having secured a leave of absence to attend court here this week. Mrs. Margaret Brown has returned from a week's stay with relatives in Cairo. Mesdames Ida Parnell and Anna Rice attended the S. M. T. banquet at Cairo. A girl known as Mildred J. arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Collins on the 7th inst. Rev. C. H. Green of Marshall, Mo., occupied the pulpit at the Second Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. Ernest Hamilton has assumed charge of the barber shop on Railroad avenue. As a correction of the mistake of last week, Mrs. Maria Moore, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barnes, died on the first. Sunday was silver day at the Second Baptist church. The different clubs, known as Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, etc., raised $28 51 last week. Pearl Johnson is visiting relatives in Murphysboro, Ill. The installation of the G. U. O. of O. F. was carried out very successfully. A literary program was rendered. A neat sum was raised. The Rice property, consisting of a house and three lots, is for sale. For terms call on Mrs, Margaret Brown, Upper Main street.

Society and Personal Notes.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—Charles Gray, who died last week, was buried Monday. Irwin Jones, of Ypsilanti, who has been living with his son here, died last week. His remains were taken to Ypsilanti for burial. The social given at the Baptist church Tuesday evening, was a success. Miss Eva Johnson visited Albion last Tuesday. The quartettee now touring with the Suwanee River company, are: D. L. Frazier, George R. Reese, S. G. Baker and M. T. Hallago. They played to a crowded house Saturday night, and left Monday for Decatur, Mich. Miss Tillie Hill visited Albion on Monday. Messrs. William Simpson and W. H. Smith made a brief trip to Adrian last week and were guests of Ernest Hogan and Billy McClain. They report an excellent time. Anyone wishing The Freeman will please call on our agent, Miss Flossie M. Johnson, 216 E. Franklin street.

St. Paul Happenings.

St. Paul, Minn, Special.—The hotel business in St Paul is good. A crew of waiters expect to leave here some time this month for the Hotel Eastman, Hot Springs, Ark., to be gone until May 1st. Sam Black has been on the sick list for some time past, but is at his post of duty again. Mr B Holman has taken charge of the Albion dining room at the Albion Flats. Mrs C Saunders of 684 Wabash street, who was seriously injured in a stove explosion, is improving. The waiters of the Hotel Ryan will give a banquet in the near future, which promises to be the swellest event of the season. Mr William Johnson, civil engineer and surveyor, temporary located at Crookston, Minn., spent Christmas with his family at 61 East 11th street. Mr Johnson, though young, is looked upon as one o the foremost of the race.

Social and General News.

Logansport, Ind., Special.—Misses Chavis and Holland have returned to their home. Mrs. Wright, the evangelist, has taken her departure, after holding a series of meeting in which all were spiritually benefitted. The Missionary society rendered an excellent program Sunday evening. Herman Artist has gone to Culver. Fred. Williams has returned from Finley, where he spent the holidays. Mrs. Emma Hall is visiting her mother. Mesdames Russell and Parker are on the sick list. Garnie Winslow has returned to Knightstown, after a visit to his sister. Miss Floretta Turner entertained a party of young friends New Years evening. A very pleasant time was had. Miss Myers has returned to Kokomo We wish to thank our friends for their patronage, and wish a continuance of the same

General Happennings.

Milwaukee, Wis, Special—Mr. and Mrs Whitmore entertained a number of friends at their home in Wells street recently. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Slaughter entertained Friday evening at their home J. D. French, of Chicago, is visiting in the city. E J. Porter, of the Plankinton, is much better after a brief illness. Mr. and Mrs Leonard, of Council Bluff, are guests of Mrs Hawkins, in Third street

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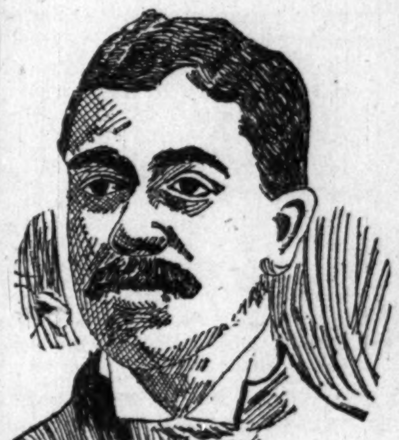
Cairo, Ill., Special.—Owing to the heavy sleet on last Sunday, street car traffic was almost abandoned, and the attendance at the churches was very slight. The statement in the last issue concerning the great increase in marriage licenses, has been swelled to more than one hundred, with many more to hear from. The recent order is still being enforced, and "the way of the transgressor is hard." It is consoling to know that the reign of the present officials will soon be ended, as their successors will be chosen next April. A fine baby girl appeared at the home of Rev. and Mrs. D. Crumpton last week. Mrs. Mollie Edwards, of Beechwood, is here to spend the rest of the winter. Mrs. Maggie Pickes is on the sick list. Edward Overby sends regards to Miss Lena M. Blakey, of Clarksville, Tenn. Mrs. L. Thompson and Miss Sarah B. Cooper who have been seriously ill, are much improved. There is a great deal of sickness here at present, and small pox is to be found in all parts of the city. Mrs. Daisy Swain, 308 Thirty-second street, would like to learn the whereabouts of her two uncles John and Henry Gates. When last heard from they were in Lexington, Ky. Her name before marriage was Daisy Gates. Walter Fields celebrated his 15th birthday anniversary on the 25th ult, and a jubilee time was given those in attendance. Music and games were the features of the evening. A choice lunch was served. The Buffaloes and friends enjoyed a grand banquet and installation, at their club rooms, 1112 Washington avenue. All present enjoyed the evening until a late hour. Monday was ladies' day with the Buffaloes, and a large attendance of the gentler sex were in evidence This club is the proper thing in this city. On next Thursday evening, the 22d inst., at Clancey's hall, the Waiters and Porters will give their first entertainment, and have invited the "swell set" of neighboring cities to be present. Presents will be given during the evening. Frank Webb's orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. Admission 25 cents. Miss Gillie Newhouse, 221 Sixth street, entertained a number of friends on last Sunday, and a delicious repast was served. Those present were: Misses Lizzie Gales, Lora Johnson, Ida McKenney, Mamie Johnson, Anna Dodson, Lula Patrick, Messrs Limas Webb, James Kenner, Frank Webb. James Smith and James Williams. A quiet wedding took place on the 3d inst., in Twenty-fifth street, in which N. Jones and Miss Fannie Thomas were principals Alvin Redman is visiting his family in Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. James Nesbett, who has been visiting S. W. Moore and wife, in Twenty-second street, left Saturday for a visit to her father in Mississippi.


HARRY T. BURLEIGH,
Leading Soloist of New York City.

FUTRELL CITY NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins killed some very fine hogs this week, averaging about 350 pounds each The niece of Mrs Hart, of Clarksville, Tenn, is here to spend the remainder of the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson entertained a large number of young folks last Sunday.

A Noted Negro Scientist...

John Wesley Hoffman, Ph. D., the Greatest and Best Known Scientist of the Negro Race.

Special to the Indianapolis Freeman.

Among the many men of America who have won a prominent place in the field of science, none has achieved greater fame than the subject of this sketch—John Wesley Hoffman, Ph. D. An honor to himself and to his race, it is with special pride that the Afro-Americans of the United States can point to him as one of their own race and pay homage to him in recognition of the honors that have been given him. Formerly professor of agriculture in the State College of Florida, he now occupies the chair of chemistry, biology and agriculture in the George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo.

His special work along the line of chemistry and agricultural biology, has placed him in the very front rank of science and to-day he is the leading Negro scientist of the world.

Prof. Hoffman was born in Charleston, S. C., receiving his early education in his native city. He went North and pursued his studies at Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Michigan Agricultural college, Lansing, Mich.; Albion College, Albion, Mich. He has also pursued special studies at Harvard University and Sumner Scientific school in organic chemistry; Cornell University summer course in biology and nature study; Marine School of Biology at Wood's Hall, Mass., in embryology and bacteriology. At the Agassiz Scientific Institute at Cottage, Mass., a few years ago he attracted the attention of the most noted men of science in America and Europe, by his thorough knowledge of the marine plants known as the Algae. He has made a special study of butter and cheese making and dairy bacteriology at the well-known Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, Ont., Canada.

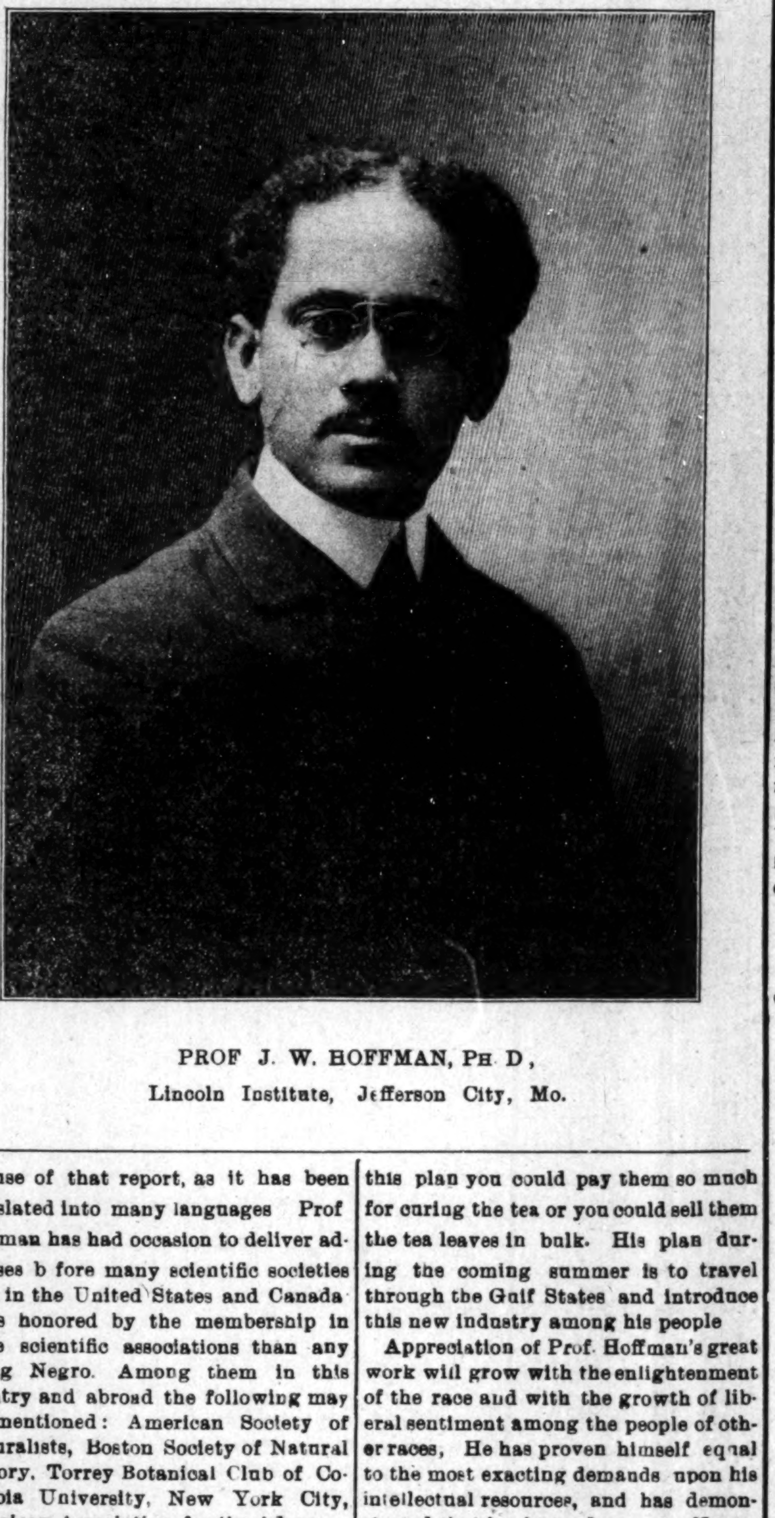
He has occupied chairs in some of the leading colleges of the country; State University of Louisville, Ky; Tuskegee Institute of Alabama; State Colored College of South Carolina and Florida State Industrial College. In all these institutions he has won fame for himself. As an instructor he imparts his knowledge to his pupils with enthusiasm and ease. He is blessed with a kind, magnetic, sympathetic and charming disposition, a most striking and pleasing personality, that endears him to his pupils, and renders him a most admirable companion and friend and popular instructor. Quiet and unassuming in manners; chaste and cautious in speech he at once becomes much admired by all with whom he comes in contact. He is highly respected for his counsel, and well liked by his associates in the faculty.

Since coming to George R. Smith College Prof Hoffman has awakened a new and lively interest in the department of science, has organized a scientific club (The Pasteur) of which he is president. The students are manifesting a decided interest in the department which is indeed gratifying to the Professor, and is another proof that even his beginnings are brilliant, and his success limitless. He is by no means a mere recluse; but is eminently practical in his work and uses his great scientific information to effect immediate results in ameliorating the condition of his people. Among some of his many achievements may be mentioned the fact that he was the first Negro to introduce the science dairy and the latest scientific butter making among his people in the South.

He travels extensively, visiting dairy factories and scientific schools in the United States, Canada and Europe, is constantly on the lookout for new and improved methods, thus opening up a new industry to the colored youths and assisting them in a practical way to better their condition. Among the young people of the South he has been an inspiration and has caused them to take a new interest in dairying and agriculture.

The "Hoffman Improved Seedling Strawberry" is the name of a new variety of strawberry that the Professor contributed to the science of agriculture a few years ago. The American Journal of Agriculture mentions it as "one of the finest in the South." It is cultivated from New Jersey to Florida and on the Pacific coast.

He is a member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, having been elected a member of that body in recognition of the great work he is doing for the practical scientific culture of the Negro race, and for being the producer of the new variety of strawberry. He was appointed by the United States Department of Agriculture to make a dietary study of the kind, quality and quantity of food used by the Negroes of the Black Belt of Alabama, while a professor at Tuskegee Institute. Much scientific labor was expended in performing this arduous task, but the work was accomplished in such a very creditable manner that his investigations were published by the Department of Agriculture and are considered invaluable in the dietetic study of the different races of the world. It is very gratifying to know that physiologists have the use of that report, as it has been translated into many languages. Prof Hoffman has had occasion to deliver addresses before many scientific societies both in the United States and Canada. He is honored by the membership in more scientific associations than any living Negro. Among them in this country and abroad the following may be mentioned: American Society of Naturalists, Boston Society of Natural History, Torrey Botanical Club of Columbia University, New York City, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Boston Mycological Society, American Geographical Society, Royal Society of Biology of Berlin, Societe Royale de Zoologic of Antwerp, Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.



PROF J. W. HOFFMAN, PH D,
Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo.

He is a member of the New York Zoological society of which Hon Levi P. Morton is president, and such men as Andrew Carnegie, Morris K Jessup, the railroad magnate, and Hon Seth Low are members. He is also a member of the New York Botanical Garden at Bronx Park, New York City, of which Hon. J Pierpont Morgan is the honored president. A few years ago the presidency of the Monrovia College, West Coast of Africa, was offered to him.

It is very evident that his work is being more appreciated by his own people for continually he receives many fine inducements to accept a chair in the faculty of the leading Negro colleges of the South. He has chosen the South for his field of labor because of the magnificent opportunity to develop the agricultural resources of that section, if the science of agriculture is properly taught to those whose life-work it will be to make that country what it is possible to make it. He comes in direct touch with the farmer of the South for a part of each vacation is spent in holding Farmers' Institutes in different parts of the South, giving them such practical and helpful advice that he has inspired them to do better work.

Farmers' clubs have been organized, they subscribe to agricultural journals, they are buying their lands, doing more extensive and diversified farming and they are putting forth greater efforts for their improvement, due to his labors. Appreciation for the work that Prof Hoffman is doing among his people is not confined to his own race, but North and South he has been favorably commended by the American press for the efforts he has made and is still making for the elevation of his people. His talks on practical agriculture to his people are published in the leading daily papers of the South and the white and colored people alike read his sound advice. During the past year he has conducted a very interesting experiment in Florida. He has grown from imported tea seed from Japan and India, at Tallahassee, Fla., a very excellent plant. He has, therefore, demonstrated that tea can be grown in the South and especially in Florida.

He is anxious to get his people interested in this new agricultural industry. A grade of tea could be grown in the South that would be superior in every way to the tea imported from China and Japan, and a better price would be paid for it. He is anxious to have every farmer's wife and daughter grow a little plat of tea, and at some central point in each county of the different States of the South a small curing house could be established for drying and curing the tea, just as we have cotton gins in the South for cleaning the cotton. By this plan you could pay them so much for curing the tea or you could sell them the tea leaves in bulk. His plan during the coming summer is to travel through the Gulf States and introduce this new industry among his people.

Appreciation of Prof. Hoffman's great work will grow with the enlightenment of the race and with the growth of liberal sentiment among the people of other races. He has proven himself equal to the most exacting demands upon his intellectual resources, and has demonstrated that he is no dreamer. No opportunity for advancement will pass him unnoticed.

The youth who falters by the wayside to complain of "No Chance" will look to this brilliant young scientist and find a light and an inspiration that can not but restore his courage and bring to his soul the conquering power of Prof. Hoffman's practical philosophy. The place that the Professor occupies in the educational and scientific world, plainly proves that color is no bar to success. His life should be an incentive to every young Negro who by emulating his example may lift himself and his race to better things.

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News Personal and General.

Selma, Ala., Special—C F Johnson, of Mobile, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs S H. Sullivan some weeks ago. Mr Sullivan is a porter for the Southern railroad and has just completed a beautiful home in this city. Mr. C F. Johnson is general manager of the Union Mutual Aid Association of Mobile, Ala., and came here for the purpose of auditing the books of Thos H Horrace, superintendent of this district, which were found to be in fine shape. Mr Horrace was promoted and will soon make his departure for a larger field. This association has written over $3,000,000 worth of business and has paid for sickness and death more than any association of its kind in the United States. A banquet was given in honor of General Manager Johnson by Superintendent Horrace and his staff, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Beaty, 119 Nance street. The menu was superb, embracing all the luxuries obtainable. Several toasts were responded to by different representative guests, and the parting words were given by Manager Johnson and C. W. Parish, traveling agent. Mr. Parish has established an enviable reputation as traveling agent, and we predict that before long he will earn the promotion to the assistant general managership.

Fred. Robbins, who was shot from ambush on Christmas Eve night, died recently. He was a member of the Elks lodge and was highly esteemed. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Galdsby and Mrs. W. H. Locket, of Demopolis, who spent the holidays here with relatives, have returned home well pleased with their visit. Ed. Reid has returned home after a visit of two weeks with his parents. Fred. Valentine is all smiles; somebody has answered "yes." The city was flooded with visitors last week. The many man floats and wagons drew people as only a circus can. Mrs. George Vance is no better. Her many friends hope for her recovery. Arthur Crocheon is out again after a brief illness.

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Upon the river's heaving breast
Full many wrecks did toss.
I sighed and took it much to heart,
That the great sun god's golden dart
Did not prevent the loss;

Until the river answer made,
And set my thoughts at ease.
"The wrecks, I bear away," said he,
"To burial in the waiting sea.
Forget what can not please."

And then I saw the waves had life;
The sun sought this to warm.
The wrecks have rounded out their scope,
Nor longer bore a sign of hope.
They were but lifeless form.

I turned and saw thee, stand beside
A stream, that onward spread.
The troubled flood was but thy Race,
Upon whose rushing upturned face,
Naught but the wrecks were dead.

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In our issue of January 3, through a typographical error, we said that Mr. G. M. Reese was second waiter at the Columbia Club, Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Reese is headwaiter at this well-known club, and has been in charge of the dining room for two years We know that his many friends will be glad to know of fortune as Mr. Reese is a deserving and competent gentleman. The Freeman is well acquainted with his success, and we extend to him our hand for his future prosperity.

Thomas H. Frame, headwaiter at the Knutsford, Salt Lake City, Utah, gave a Christmas greeting to his faithful corps of waiters at 638 S. State street at 9 o'clock Christmas evening. Elegant souvenir cards were distributed bearing the picture of Mr. Frame and the Knutsford. The Freeman acknowledges its reception of one of the souvenirs.

In speaking of the various prominent headwaiters, the holiday issue of our paper stated that T. N. Frazier, headwaiter at the Chittenden, Columbus, O., had served fifteen years at the 'Old" Kimball, Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Kimball never served in the "Old" Kimball as it was burned years before he went there. He did serve about six years at the "new" Kimball under the regime of three different managements.

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A Plea for the Better Morality of Headwaiters.

Mr. Editor—As I did not, on account of pressing business, get to wish you a Merry Christmas, I am now pleased to wish you a Happy New Year, hoping that the year 1903 may be the most prosperous of all years to you and yours The Freeman has been the sunshine to many a home and has encouraged many who were faint and ready to give over the struggle to begin life anew. Whatever our calling in life may be we must try to do all the good we can in all the ways we can and to all the people we can. This, I am sure, is the mission of The Freeman.

I am a man of but few words, for, while some must talk a deal, there must be some silent thinkers to accomplish the great work which lies before us.

In your most worthy paper, The Freeman, I have in my mind's eye the writings, at different times, of some of our brother waiters. Some are happy over what they think the success of the colored waiter; others are sad over what they consider his failure.

I would say to the happy one, you have every reason to be so, and to the sad ones, who sees only failure, "Be still, sad heart, and cease repining behind the clouds; the sun still shineth."

While I do not see failure written in bold, plain words, yet I do see the need of great improvement. We are not at all satisfied with the general reputation of the waiter as a class, to say nothing of his real character. No one knows this better than the waiter himself.

We should not murmur or complain when we are not received as a whole in the society of the good. We know full well that a great many hinderances are brought by the waiters themselves.

The waiter, like every one else, is a free moral agent. He must be good if he wishes the association of the good. The headwaiter should be the example, and lead his men to follow it. This, I am sorry to say, is not always the case.

The side man has no respect for the headwaiter who drinks with him or with any one, and gambles away his money. Then, too, some headwaiters think it manly and business-like to curse and swear at every word said.

If the headwaiter drinks, gambles and uses profane language, has not the side man the same right? The headwaiter is a leader of men and a great responsibility rests upon him. He should be a man in the true sense of the word, and a christian gentleman—at all times exerting a wholesome influence over his men as well as others. He should be to his men what the minister is to his church and the teacher to his school room.

I am trying to reach the headwaiter now, principally because charity begins at home, It would not be right for me to censure the sidewaiter for his failure to help in the betterment of the waiter's life and leave out the headwaiter, of whom so much is expected. Let me beg of you, if after self examination you find yourself guilty, do not allow yourself to rebel, but resolve to accept it as the medicine you need to save you before it is too late. I make the few statements in good faith. It is your friend who tells you of your wrongs.

The failures of the headwaiter by no means excuse the sidewaiter for the life he lives My advice to you as men is to cultivate a habit of going to your homes, when off duty, and spend your time in reading, introducing yourself to the leading literary men of the world and keep yourself posted on the current events. Let your motto be "there's no place like home."

I urge my men every day to read The Freeman and all other good papers and books. Since we are living in a progressive age it is necessary to be a faithful student in order to keep up with the times.

When we, as waiters, learn that we must respect ourselves, demand it of others, be prompt to all duties and not be satisfied with working two or three days of the week and the rest in carousing then, and not until then, shall we ever be able to have bank accounts and to hold our own with other professions Every waiter who has not a bank account should begin this first month of the year and lay by something each month, thus making a habit of saving, which will in time become second nature.

Just one other thought I would like to drop for the consideration of the colored waiters, if they have any race pride. Colored waiters under white headwaiters are doing themselves a great injury. They are doing the work and the white headwaiter is getting the credit. When he gets tired of your service and refuses to give you further work, then you must return to your own to be employed. We do not have too many headwaiters, but we have far too many whose work we find only in print. We need headwaiters with ability and experience, who will employ none but good first-class sidewaiters. These kind are always in demand by the first-class manager who believes that "the servant is worthy his hire," and they are seldom, if ever, asked to step down and out If you are not fitted for the position do not seek it as you will not only disgust your employer, but hurt those who might fill the place with credit.

Trusting these few hints dropped may fall on the needy ear, heart and hand so as to right the wrongs we are made to feel and see daily, I am yours in the work.

THOS. H. FRARIER,
Headwaiter the Chittenden.
Columbus, Ohio.

The Hotel Men of the South Should Organize and Be in Unity.

After reading the great Christmas number of The Freeman, giving the exact and correct statement of the waiters or hotel men of the North; what they were doing along the line of hotel service and their organization as a body, I wonder and look immediately to the old Southern hotel men and said, "why can't we have an organization of that kind, which would be a help to the waiters of the South?" Now, it seems possible an organization of that kind could be effected if we use a little energy and push.

Now, boys of the South and Southwest, think over this and do something immediately for this organization. We would like to hear what Arkansas, Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma say about it. So come to a conclusion at once and say we will have an organization of that kind in the South, because we have some of the best, intelligent and energetic waiters in the South as you will find anywhere. We are now forming a club in Oklahoma City, hoping others will do the same and as early as possible let it be convenient for us to meet at some place and organize as one great body.

Those wishing to find out the full particulars write to Oklahoma City to the Hotel Men's Club, B. F. Shaw, treasurer, Illinois Hotel.

We would like to hear from the whole South at once on that subject and we would like to co-operate with Head and Second Waiters' Association of the North. B. F. S.

Mr. F. C. Long, who has been headwaiter at the Windermere, Chicago, Ill., for the past several years, has taken charge of the dining room of the Gayoso of Memphis, Tenn This hotel is one of the largest European houses in the country, and Mr Long has the distinction of succeeding a white crew He leaves the dining room of the Windermere carrying the best endorsements of his former employers, and also succeeded in having his second waiter at the Windermere appointed headwaiter. Mr. Long is one of the headwaiters who has put his earnings to good use. He is one of the few colored men of Chicago who owns several thousand dollars of stock in the U S. Steel Co , also stock in the Missouri and Pacific Co., besides preferred stock in several good corporations. The Freeman produced his cut in its last issue.

Mont Givens, one of the young aspiring lights of the hotel fraternity, who had charge of the dining room at the Wawasee Inn, Lake Wawasee, Ind., last season, died of consumption at Denver, Col., January 3 His remains were interred at Lexington, Ky., his former home.

F. C. Brown, formerly headwaiter at the Battle House, Mobile, Ala., is now in charge of the dining room of the Hotel Ruffner, Charleston, W. Va.

D. P. Bradford of West Indianapolis has accepted a position in the culinary department at the Columbia Club, Indianapolis

Important News.

Muscatine, Ia., Special.—Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Buxton, have returned home after a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shackelford. Miss Edna Barnes of Evanston, Ill., is visiting her father, S Barnes. The trustees of the A. M E Church, realized a neat sum from the January rally. Mrs. Fannie Grooms has returned from a visit at Rock Island, Ill. The second quarterly meeting of the A. M. E. Church, Feb 1, Rev J. D Peterson of Davenport, will be present and will assist in the services Mr. Hill is employed as a tailor in one of our leading tailor stores. I. P. Johnson has been appointed one of the trustees of the A. M. E. Church. Rufus Phoenix of Moline, Ill., spent a few days here as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Townley. The Sunday-school officers of the A. M. E. Church were elected Tuesday evening as follows: Superintendent, William Greenway; Assistant Superintendent, I P. Johnson; Secretary, Maude Ousley; Treasurer, R. Haney; Organist, Effie Greenway; Chorister, Mary Greenway; Librarian, Benjamin Johnson. Mr. Green of Buxton, spent the holidays at the suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. Carr. Mr. Grooms will leave in a few days for Chicago. The emancipation celebration under the auspices of the Searchlight Society of the A. M. E. Church, was a financial success. The proceeds from the entertainment amounted to about $75, Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Peterson were given a pleasant surprise on Christmas Eve., and were well remembered by the members and friends of their congregation. Mrs. Mayweather and daughter, Miss Ida, of Wilton, Mrs. Dameron of Iowa City, attended the emancipation celebration Thursday the 1st inst Mrs. Hazelwood of Missouri, will spend a few weeks in our city at the home of Mr Seabrooks. Mrs. J. Thompson has been appointed chorister of the choir at the A. M E Church Mr. Smith of Chicago, is in the city with headquarters at the Commercial Hotel.

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Whereas, It is apparent that there now exists in the city of Indianapolis much suffering, caused by the inability of a large element of our community to obtain coal or other fuel because of the unusually high prices which now obtain; and

Whereas, The various charity organizations of this city have made it known to this office that there are now more demands, especially for fuel, made upon them than the ordinary revenues of such societies can meet; and

Whereas, Many of these requests are being made by a class of our citizens who are not under ordinary circumstances compelled to ask relief and assistance; now,

Therefore, I feel that it is incumbent at this time to urge upon those of our citizens who are in a position to assist the organized forces to meet this special emergency—the immediate necessity of doing something for their less fortunate citizens and neighbors.

Believing that the work can best be done through the medium of the Charity Organization society of the city I suggest that generous contributions, either of money or coal, be forwarded to John H Holliday, president of such society. CHARLES A. BOOKWALTER.

Right, Mr. Mayor, these are suffering times and you certainly proclamate in season. The buying of coal has become a burden, not only to the very poor but to those "who are not under ordinary circumstances compelled to ask relief and assistance." Your timely suggestions in the interest of mercy will surely be heeded, as is noted already through the columns of the daily papers. It goes without saying that such an effort in the behalf of the distressed will be appreciated.

THE INDIANOLA, MISS., POST-OFFICE AFFAIR.

The Cabinet and the President have taken a decided stand in the Indianola, Miss., affair, where Mrs. Minnie M. Cox, colored, was postmistress. The office has been closed, and will not be reopened until the woman is accepted. The Postmaster General finds, after investigation, that she was compelled to resign under duress—her life was endangered. A formal statement was issued as follows:

"The postmaster at Indianola, Miss., Mrs. Minnie M Cox, a colored woman. She served three years as postmaster under President Harrison. When President McKinley came in she was again appointed, in 1897, nearly six years ago. Her character and standing in the community are indorsed by the best and most reputable people in the town. Among those on her bond is the present Democratic State Senator from the district, together with the leading banker of Indianola, and an ex State Senator from the district, also a Democrat. The postmaster and her husband own from $10 000 to $15 000 worth of property in Sunflower county. The reports of post-office inspectors who have investigated the office from time to time show that she has given the utmost satisfaction to all the patrons of the office; that she is at all times courteous, faithful, competent and honest in the discharge of her duties. Her moral standing in the community is of the highest. Her reputation is of the best. Few offices of this grade in any State are conducted better.

"The postmaster recently forwarded her resignation to take effect January 1, but the report of inspectors and information received from various reputable white citizens of the town and neighborhood show that the resignation was forced by a brutal and lawless element purely upon the grounds of her color, and was obtained under terror of threats of physical violence."

Her Life in Danger.

"The mayor of the town and the sheriff of the county both told the post-office inspector that if she refused to resign they could not be answerable for her safety, although at the same time not one word was said against her management of the office.

"On January 1 the bondsmen of the postmaster telegraphed that the post-office was closed, that the postmaster claimed that her resignation was in the President's hands to take effect Jan 1, and that there had been no advice of the appointment of her successor. The telegram closed with this statement: 'prompt action necessary for relief of business interests.' In the view of the President the relief of the business interests, which are being injured solely by the action of the lawless element of the town is wholly secondary to the preservation of law and order and the assertion of the fundamental principle that this government will not connive at or tolerate wrong and outrage of such flagrant character.

"By direction of the President the following telegram was sent by the Postmaster General to the bondsmen:

The postmaster's resignation has been received, but not accepted. In view of the fact that the office at Indianola is closed all mail addressed to that office will be forwarded to Greenville.

"The papers in the case have been sent to the Attorney General for action."

COLORED ATHLETE HONORED BY PRESIDENT.

William H. Lewis, colored, has been appointed an assistant United States attorney for Boston. The appointment was made by Henry P. Multon, the United States district attorney for the Boston district, but it is understood the selection was made on the suggestion of President Roosevelt. Mr Lewis is a graduate of Amherst College and Harvard law school, and while at the latter place he was held in high regard by both the student body and the faculty. He took a high rank in his studies and was a popular member of the football squad. He is said to be a lawyer of excellent attainments.

The news of the appointment of William H. Lewis as an assistant U. S. attorney for Boston, will be hailed with pleasure by the colored people generally. The appointment, it is said, was at the suggestion of President Roosevelt, which again testifies to his determination to recognize the meritorious whenever it is possible.

"The free library, maintained by all the people, for all the people, knows neither rank nor birth within its walls."

With this expression Andrew Carnegie began his address at the dedication of the Washington public library, for the construction of which he had given $350,000.

Mr. Carnegie's address followed that of President Roosevelt, and he spoke at greater length than is his custom in public. Mr Carnegie said that he had given chiefly within the past two years, 730 library buildings.

Andrew Carnegie, as it may be seen by the above, is quite as liberal in his views as to what should be the principle of a great nation as he is with his vast fortune. It is evident that his speech was studious and carefully delivered, a fact indicative of that growing order of big minded, big hearted men; men who are willing to surrender their prejudices or to abate them in the interest of universal peace.

The rich, if they will, can be of immense benefit to the worthy poor by the judicious distribution of their beneficences. They feel, too often, that the unfortunates in the race of life have failed owing to their non-activity or slothfulness. The idea will not prove the rule; it is the exception. Fate deals out the cards from a stacked hand; some must lose in the great game of life. Nor does it mean fatalism, but it does mean that men are unequally pitted in the beginning; their mental and physical capacities are not the same, resulting in the law of the survival of the fittest; gives diversity of activities, some of which are rewarded with the possibilities of great fortunes, others are rewarded with vista of charity houses or else an early exit from the game. Since man is but morally responsible for his immediate opportunities based on his intellect and brawn, if he fails in the struggle, succumbing to the inevitable, crushed beneath the juggernaut of overmastering activity, it is more often due to the limitations nature itself, perhaps modified by past transgressions, have placed on human endurance, than to the disposition to sin away opportunities. God in His wisdom, or else man in his perversity as a free moral agent of his activities, has so fashioned and shaped the careers of man that, like the laws of philosophy in the animal world; some must be the prey.

It has been reserved financial princes, the Carnegies, the Rockefellers, the Goulds and Vanderbilts, to be the great reservoirs of possibility for the lessening of the general woe incident to the great game of life. Some of these, in fact all mentioned, are spreading out their rich mercies where it will be the most effective.

The severest anti-capitalist could not take exception to the massing of wealth if like Carnegie, the capitalist, would throw it back with unstinted hand to those from whom it was rung. The building of libraries means more than the spiritual concession to the poorer classes; it means millions to the stone masons, the carpenters, the plasterers, the hired man at the mills, the book binders, the artizans of all classes and the artists.

The Carnegie spirit is felt in many communities, but the country could stand much more of it.

The nomination of Senator Charles W. Fairbanks by acclamation by the Republican caucus of the legislature, is a fitting recognition of his service to his party, the state and to the country. His usefulness as a United States Senator in the past six years made his renomination a certainty. No one contested the distinction with him, and as the legislature is overwhelmingly Republican, Mr. Fairbanks will be sent back to Congress to continue his valuable services. Indiana is proud of its distinguished representative, who reflects such credit upon the state. He is to be congratulated in that he has such a faithful constituency.

Governor Longino of Mississippi has issued a proclamation ordering that the lawlessness of white caps in Franklin, Lincoln, Amite and Pike counties cease. He offers a reward of $50 for the arrest and conviction of each individual participating in the outrages complained of, the total amount not to exceed an aggregate of $1 060 in each of the counties named. Governor Longino has since the day of his inauguration shown himself a brave and conscientious officer who deserves the admiration and gratitude of good people everywhere. We trust his proclamation may prove effective. Since the Governor's proclamation was issued a mass meeting was held in Brookhaven, Lincoln county, at which strong resolutions were adopted condemning whitecapping and commending the Governor's stand for law and order.—Southwestern Christian Advocate.

Thus the good work is growing as is shown by the above. A strong, healthy sentiment against lawlessness promulgated by those who stand before the public will do much to correct the abuses of to day. The colored man will do much good in the matter if he will study the question from all sides and conduct himself in accordance.

The social question is the most dangerous one before the American people, dangerous because of the wide divergence of the races as conceived in the minds by many and the individual nearness as seen through their walks of life. The strong law of sentiment must be obeyed until time or circumstances serve to modify it. Appealing from sentiment when crystalized to statute laws is but an appeal from Cæsar to Cæsar. Laws are nothing in themselves; they must have sympathy and support, without which it would be as well that they be not written.

The colored man knows the sentiment on the social question; if he violates it he does it at a very great risk.

A few days ago a colored man in Mississippi was pulled from a train charged with an assault on a white girl, which ended as usual; the colored man was shot. It is not the thing, whether the charge was true or otherwise, but it is important that the shooting or death is intended to exemplify a frame of mind of the people, and not peculiar to that locality only. It is a condition that confronts us that the foolhardy alone will go up against. It is to be hoped that the Governor's work will meet the support of the colored people in the interest of abiding by sentiment in such matters as well as the laws.

We publish in this issue an interesting article on Prof John Wesley Hoffman, Ph. D, who has taken high rank as a scientist. We have as a race, produced many orators and writers of ability, but in the domain of science our achievements have not been so numerous or pronounced. For this reason it gives us special pride to introduce to our readers in this sketch a young man who has won a name in the scientific world. Some years ago Prof. Hoffman attracted marked attention by contributing to the field of agriculture a new variety of strawberry which is known as the Hoffman Improved Seedling Strawberry, a variety which is now generally cultivated. Being still a young man, industrious, ambitious in his chosen profession, and studious we predict for Prof. Hoffman a useful and enviable career.

Dr. W. H. Furniss, one of the best known colored men of Indianapolis, who is consul at Bahia, Brazil, is considered by the State department one of the most efficient consuls the government has. His handwriting resembles copper-plate in its perfection. It is understood here that when his term as consul expires he will locate in Bahia in the practice of medicine.

The above bit of interesting information appeared in the Indianapolis Sentinel of last Wednesday in its Washington notes. It is gratifying to all here to know that Dr. Furniss is filling his post with credit.

George L. Knox has been invited to go to Anderson to take part in a debate in March, definite time being settled on later. Subject: 'Resolved that the American Negro has undergone more hardship at the hands of the white men in America than the American Indian.'' The church in that city under Rev. William Z. Thomas desires to raise $1200 on that occasion. Mr. Knox has consented to take part in the debate.

Governor Durbin's message to the legislative body of Indiana, is a comprehensive document, dealing with the greater concerns of the state and the questions now uppermost in the public mind. His recommendations are those of a discerning official who has studied well the needs of the state, and without doubt will largely be subjects of legislative action, owing to their importance.

Rev. J. T. Carpenter, head of the St Louis division of the True Reformers, was in the city a few days last week in the interest of the order. Indianapolis is taking considerable interest in the organization, owing to its brilliant work in this and other communities. It bids fair to be here for good in this locality.

Copies of The Freeman are on sale at Fred D. Thomas' barbershop, 242 East Second street, Los Angeles, Cal.

WHEN THE NEGRO WAKES UP.

There comes to my mind a story that was told.
It happened, so they say, in dark days of old,
When human hearts bled and stalwart shoulders bowed
'Neath the bondage and suffering that was allowed.
'Twas an advertisement, a picture on the wall,
A Negro boy asleep on a cotton bale, that's all;
But Jeff Davis, gazing upon it, said he,
"When that Negro wakes up, what a time there'll be.',

The years have past, and time has changed;
Even you and me, the fetters and the chains
Of bondage are gone; the black man is free;
He's been sleeping, it is true, but don't you see
He's waking up and his power is felt far and near?
He who was once master is trembling with fear,
For he knows there'll come a day that he shall see
When the Negro wakes up what a time there'll be.

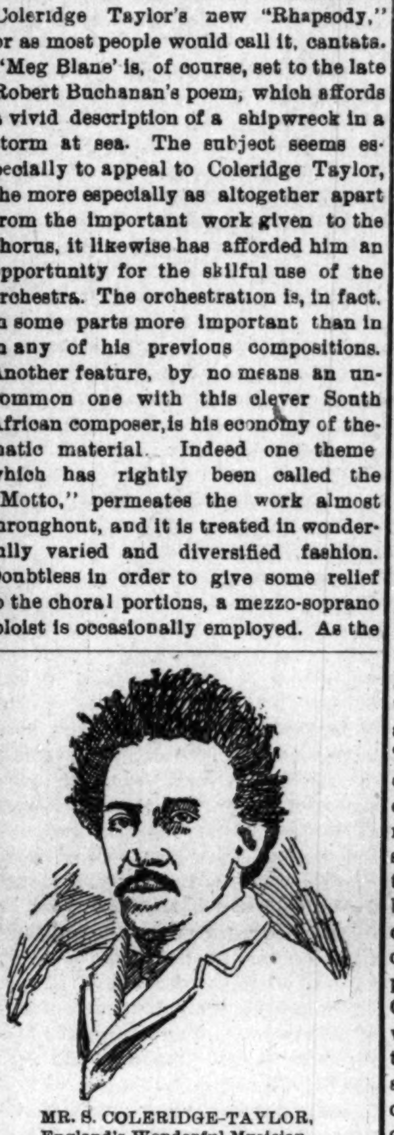
—MINERVA A. ANDERSON.
1025 John St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

TAYLOR'S NEW CANTATA.

England's Famous Colored Composer Produces Another Musical Play.

One of the most important of recent English choral works is the cantata "Meg Blane," by the African composer, Coleridge Taylor, which was given at the Sheffield festival. The critic of the London Daily News:—

The most interesting feature of the concert was the first performance of Coleridge Taylor's new "Rhapsody," or as most people would call it, cantata. "Meg Blane' is, of course, set to the late Robert Buchanan's poem, which affords a vivid description of a shipwreck in a storm at sea. The subject seems especially to appeal to Coleridge Taylor, the more especially as altogether apart from the important work given to the chorus, it likewise has afforded him an opportunity for the skilful use of the orchestra. The orchestration is, in fact, in some parts more important than in in any of his previous compositions. Another feature, by no means an uncommon one with this clever South African composer, is his economy of thematic material. Indeed one theme which has rightly been called the "Motto," permeates the work almost throughout, and it is treated in wonderfully varied and diversified fashion. Doubtless in order to give some relief to the choral portions, a mezzo-soprano soloist is occasionally employed. As the music opens the drums sustain the dominant pedal, which extends over the first 75 bars, and accentuates the storm in the orchestra; although the prologue, "Lord, hearken to me, save all poor souls at sea," starts with a mezzo soprano solo, which is continued until the descriptive portion proper of the cantata commences at the line "Black was the oozy lift, black were the sea and land."



MR. S. COLERIDGE-TAYLOR,
England's Wonderful Musician.

Here the composer fairly rises to the situation, and without exceptional sensationalism, the description of the storm the wreck, and the unavailing rockets which are shot off, is wonderfully effective in its realism. The choral description is interrupted by a prayer, "Ah, God, put out Thy hand," started by the mezzo-soprano soloist, and in the course of which we hear the Motto theme in novel form. But the chorus soon takes up the work, until at the lines "Now faintlier blew the wind," there is a change; the music, at any rate at first, being more placid. As the narrative is resumed of the launching of the boat, and of Meg Blane's gallant, though ineffectual act the music again becomes realistic until we arrive at the epilog, the musical material of which is chiefly drawn from the prolog, although the treatment is very differnt. In this epilog the chorus are divided into eight parts. The work is comparatively short, but it is beyond question one of the most effective which the young composer has yet given us. Coloridge Taylor was present to conduct in person, and had a hearty reception. The solos were taken by Madame Kirkby Lunn, while the chorus reveled in the fine descriptive music, and sang with thorough understanding of the composer's intentions and with telling dramatic effect. In the passionate prolog, Madame Kirkby Lunn sang very finely indeed. "Meg Blane" created a very favorable impression the composer being repeatedly cheered and recalled at the close.

Pertinent, Pithy Pickings.

Mineola, Tex., Special.—Mrs. Pearl Garrett is very sick. There are a few persons who have cotton to pick and are paying 75c per hundred. S. White arrived from Pittsburg on the 10th. Henry Anderson is much improved after an extended illness.

Mr. Clarence Ross, Louisiana, Mo.

The accompanying cut is a true likeness of Clarence Ross, who is a self-made young man. He was born Sept. 1, 1876, and at the age of 11 years entered the employ of E. A. Parks, Sr., proprietor of the Parks Music House, as errand boy. Being a natural musical genius, he took to the piano, and by earnest endeavor and sturdy application, he has developed his talents and is at present recognized as one of Louisiana's leading colored musicians. As he has been associated with and enjoyed the environment of a high class of music and musicians, he has developed a taste for the classic music, and while capable of playing the proverbial "rag time," he prefers playing a higher grade. In addition to his accomplishments as a musician, he enjoys the distinction of being the stage manager, electrician and bill poster of the Parks Opera House, and has a wide circle of acquaintances and friends among the dramatic professionals, both white and colored. He has been connected with the Parks Music House and Parks Opera House for the past fifteen years, and enjoys the confidence of his employer, whom he has faithfully served for that length of time. Clarence is a good example of what energy, coupled with ability, may do for one of our race, and is worthy of emulation by the colored boys now growing up.

Gone To Join the Angles.

Jacksonville, Ill., Special.—Miss Anna Harrison died at the home of her parents on Saturday, Jan. 3, of consumption. It was a great shock to all of her friends as she was a grand woman and beloved by all. She leaves a mother, brothers and sisters to mourn her departure, of which we all extend our heartfelt sympathy. The funeral was conducted by Rev. H. H. Demit from Mt. Emery Baptist church, of which the deceased was a faithful member. The members of the Sunday-school, teachers and classmates turned out to show their respect to the remains. Lovely flowers were provided for by the school. The choir furnished excellent music, with Mrs. Susan Dealy at the organ. The general agent of The Freeman has been our city guest for two weeks. He left wishing us a prosperous new year. Do not forget the Black and Tan's ball Thursday night. Charles Berry and family are comfortably located at 522 N. Sandy street. The Household of Ruth installed their officers for the ensuing term Wednesday evening. The Colored Woman's club met with Mrs. Mary Clark on Marion street Wednesday evening. The blustering weather kept a great many members at home. When you come to our city do not forget to call on P. F. Dealy on North Main street for a game of pool and a tonsorial indulgence. Thos. Cheek is still at the old stand with his wine and liquors. The Busy Bee society met in regular business meeting with a large number present. After the order of business came the election of officers for the next three months which resulted as follows: President, Mrs P. Moore: vice president, Mrs. L Lafayette; secretary, Miss S. Hurrel; treas., Miss S. Hayden; journalist, L Linsley; critic, George Smith; organist, Miss P. Kirk; chaplain, E. Hayden; librarian, Miss A. Ford. The Bees are doing all they can for the church, and last Monday evening presented the church a fine range, a much needed article, for which the church is very grateful. Next Monday evening there will be a very interesting program rendered. All are invited to be ptesent and bring a friend and help us in the work we have undertaken. Look out for the "Mysterious Auction" in the near future to be given by the Busy Bees. Our Christmas programs were excellent at both of the churches. The decorations at Mount Emory were exquisite. Great credit is given to Mrs. Ida McCree and Prof Edwin C. Stewart. Mrs. Mattie Shower was called home on account of the serious illness of her mother and sister. The colored Republican club met in their den and some very important business referred to. When in need of a shave, hair cut or shamboo call on Chas. Berry and Parrish. Mrs. M. Burton died at her home on East Anna street of heart failure. She was a member of the A. M. E church, where her funeral was conducted by Rev. Moore. Miss Addie Cook and Mr. Charles Moore, both of this city, were married Christmas eve at the residence of her sister, Mrs. F. Strong, in Arnett Place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H H. Dewitt. Little Miss Julia Berry is a sufferer from a bad cold.

The Southeastern Passenger Association, comprising all the railway lines south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers has granted a rate of one and one-third fare for the Tuskegee Negro Conference to be held at Tuskegee, Ala., February 18 and 19. This Tuskegee Negro Conference has grown year by year, increasing in interest and influence. Those who would study the problem of the crop lien system and the conditions under which most of the Negro farmers of the South live, can find a valuable opportunity for such study at Tuskegee. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend the conference session next month. Persons desiring further information can address Principal Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

DYSPEPSIA OF WOMEN.

Mrs. E. B. Bradshaw, of Guthrie, Okla., cured of a severe case by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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News Items from Yazoo City.

Yazoo City, Miss., Special.—Everybody is busy. Our hustling doctor, L. T. Miller, has opened a drug store with Dr. Winston of Natchez as druggist. We will show our race pride by patronizing him. Miss Annie D. Oakes, a teacher of the Magnolia Industrial College, returned to resume her work after a pleasant stay among friends and relatives. Miss Lucy Hudson and Miss Delila Harper returned home after spending a pleasant while with Mrs. L. H. Daniel. Call again; you make the boys smile.

Special from the Windy City.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Speaking of sports, Mr. Givedam Jones is one of our successful rollers of Chicago. Since his trip, a few years ago, to England. Chicago has about 43 500 population of colored people. The majority of them are waiters, porters, bootblacks, servants and stockyard helpers. They can do other work, but the white people close their store doors on them. There is in Chicago about thirty Negro lawyers and thirty-three Negro physicians, but with rare exceptions these mingle only with and find work among their people.

The Christmas edition of the Indianapolis Freeman, surpasses any-thing previously attempted by the manager, Mr. E. C. Knox. The paper shows conclusively that the Negro is capable of running a newspaper. The mechanical make-up of the paper surpassed most of the dailies and metropolitan magazines. The matter contained in the paper was from the pen of the ablest colored men in the land and was timely. Long live The Freeman and its manager. The Freeman is only fifteen years old and has now out run all other Negro journals.
—The Record, Springfield, Ill.

The Christmas edition of the "Indianapolis Freeman" surpassed anything we have ever seen in Negro journalism.
—The True Reformer, Littleton, N. C.

ROCKWOOD, TENN, Jan. 8, '03.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—I think the holiday number of The Freeman a gem in neatness, and its mechanical make-up surpasses anything we have seen in Negro journalism in recent years. Every Afro-American should have seen it. The Freeman easily takes rank as the leading Negro journal in the United States, its critics and detractors to the contrary notwithstanding. What would the leaders of the race do without it? But many of our leaders will not read Negro journals unless their cuts adorn its front pages. These are only leaders who answer the call of the race when there is something in it for themselves. God bless The Freeman. Yours,

E M ARGYLE.
Pastor A. M. E Zion Church.

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BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS (Voelckel & Nolan) Texarkana, Ark., Jan. 19; Arkadelphia, 20; Hot Springs, 21-22; Little Rock, 23; Ft. Snelling, 23.

COLE & JOHNSON, (In Vaudeville) Hurtig & Seamon's, New York, Jan 5-11-17.

W. A. MAHARA, MINSTRELS, (Western-Frank Mahara Mgr.)—Memphis Tenn., Jan. 19-20.

Jack A. Watkins, of Mahara's Minstrels, sends regards to Geo. L. Moxley, Al. and Mamie Holman and all friends.

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Arthur L. Prince, slack wire artist and trombone player, joined the Mahara Minstrels, F L Mahara manager at Marshall, Texas. Fred. C. Richardson, Albert Fredericks and Ed. Brookins closed at Pine Bluff, Ark.

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To the Profession.—Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a young gentleman by name of Wm. Smith, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., who joined the stage from La Crosse, last spring will confer great favor by informing Miss Etta Dent Marshall, 1047 Morrow street, Wheeling W. Va.

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Mlle. Eva La Rhue, nature's gifted song bird shall soon be seen in vaudeville. She has been residing in St. Paul where she has been studying under some of the best masters of voice. Mlle. La Rhue has a high dramatic, soprano voice, well cultivated. She wishes to be remembered to all. Regards to Mattie Wilkes Hogan, Mallory Bros. and Brooks, Dan Desdunes and Mr. and Mrs Kersands.

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Notes from the Old Plantation enroute with the Southern Carnival Company—We met Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin, No. 3, Jan. 6, at San Louis Obispo, Cal, and we met many old friends and had a jolly good time. Everything is running along smoothly and business remains above the average. Punch Jones is singing with much success the "Furniture Man." Chas. Holman sends regards to Bill Bass, Will Johnson and all Cleveland friends. The Boyds send regards to Joe and Lulu Russell. The Henderson send regards to John Adams Scott Joplin, Prof. C E. Cross, Ed Williams, J. D. West and all friends. Mrs. Jones sends regards to all Louisville friends.

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Harry Royston, of moving picture fame, writes:—I closed the season, Dec. 13, at Camden, S. C., with W. S. Layton's Mighty Carnival Company, being called home by the death of my brother James Marrow. I was on the road eight months and had a very successful season selling novelty toys. Will remain home until April 20. My regards to all colored members of the Morris and Burger Carnival company also J. Harry Martinette, Ed Wallace and Walter Scales. Edward Luney and Willie Jones, of the Gideon's Minstrels, write Say, Rastus W. McMullen, Mance & Gertie McDaniels, where are you?

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Notes from the Famous Georgia Minstrels.—"Our company has spent very pleasantly, both Xmas and New Year and hope all companies have done likewise. All the boys have had a very surprising Xmas in the way of receiving presents and presents are still arriving. Some of these presents were so astounding as to make the boys feel ashamed of themselves as they had not given anything in comparison. But they all kept pace with their friends pretty well in the way of exchanging presents. Mr. John E Jackson carries the honors of our company this season, as he gave a very dear friend and schoolmate a present costing $25, and it is one that will last a life time. J. A. Watts tenor soloist with our company made a flying visit to Chicago, Sunday the 4th and brought us all the music of the city it seems. He is singing better than ever and is one of the best preserved men of the day in his line of work. He sends regards to Mr. and Mrs. Kersands. The entire company send regards to Geo. A. Swan, R L Wilson, H. Graves and Thomas F. Edwards. The Housely Bros have doubled their musical act and it is something wonderful. They have an entirely new outfit, each instrument made for four men. They also have a set of chimes that will cross any ordinary stage in America.

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As stated last week, the "A Trip to The Jungle" left New York to resume their tour. Their roster is as follows: Geo. Sloan, manager; H. B. Collins, business representative; Sam Cousins, stage manager; Will Accooe, musical director; John Larkins, Dora Patterson, Jennie Hillman, Amy Smith, Pauline Humphrey, Maud Turner, Ida Huston, Hattie May, Ruth Sprague, Mrs. Robinson, Sam Kealing, Geo. Lanier, Tom Bloome, Norris Smith and Pete C. Washington. They are traveling in their own special car fresh from the shops of the Lakeview car works and are already booking for next season through the South and West to the coast, in three and six night stands.

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Notes from the "Hottest Coon in Dixie" company:—"The most pleasant surprise of the season happened on the 10th inst. While enroute we chanced to pick up the Famous Georgia Minstrel's car and to say the least, it was the pleasantest coincidence that could have happened us, as some of us had not met for years and occasioned a general handshaking. We were transferred at Dubuque Ia, where they were billed and having four hours lay over we participated in their parade augmenting it greatly. We can't offer too much praise for Prof. Henseley and his celebrated band for it is indeed a pleasing and special feature with the show. We also had the pleasure of witnessing their first part and nearly missed our train by so doing. Frank Clermont, the creole cornettist, informed us that his wife, Etta Minor-Clermont presented him with a fine baby boy a few days since. Mother and son are doing nicely. The Houseley Bros., Harry Fidler and several other members of the company certainly showed us the best professional courtesy imaginable and we tried to reciprocate—reciprocity being our motto. We wish them every success.

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J. Harry Jackson sends the following from New York:—Things were exceedingly dull among the colored performers in the metropolis the past week.—Harry Brown is at the Gaiety Theatre, Newark this week. John W. Dunston is engaging people for an engagement in Paris France.—The Baileys played two theatres last Sunday night, the New Star and Proctor's 125th-st. house. The Smart & Williams show is back to the city again. They are booked to appear at the Unique Theatre, Brooklyn, at an early date.—Norris Smith, the clever baritone descriptive vocalist, and Theodore Wilson, the accomplished pianist, have joined hands in an act to play in vaudeville. They are booked to appear at the Metropolis Theatre Sunday night.—The Greasy Front Comedy Four made a big hit during their engagement at Phillips Lyceum, Brooklyn recently.—Cole & Johnson were one of the biggest hits of the evening at the Harlem Opera House last Sunday night. "Slim" Morgan, late of Black Patti Troubadours is in charge of the music-room of the Newport Cafe.—The Golden Gate Quintette are great favorites at Keith's Union Square Theatre this week.

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J. Ed. Green, (Bronze) writes from the Black Patti Troubadours:—"Enthusiastic audiences greet the efforts of each member nightly. Numerous changes have been made in the last month. Jas. Crosby has replaced Ben (Slim) Morgan, who closed at Memphis. Miss Muriel Ringgold is in the cast as 'Mariah Johnsing. Ella Carr, of Memphis, has joined the dancing forces. Master Moses Harris, the wonderful little dancer is the clown. John Rucker is still in the title roll of 'Josiss Johnsing' and keeps the audience laughing at his funny sayings. Will A. Cook and Chas. Bougia are adepts in the bear and Monkey suits. Bobby Kemp, as 'Handy Andy' in Happy Hooligan make up is witty and keeps the belt of comedy in continual rotation. Jas. Crosby has the reins of little Willie in his hands and is making a hit with "My Castle on the Nile." A. D. Boyd is the owner and ring master of the circus and, as the center piece makes an even road to all laughs. Leslie Tripiet is alone in his Officer 7-11 77 character, having something to do with every one one on the stage. Our choruses under the direction of Prof. Raynes are praiseworthy and the singing is a feature. Madame Jones is and has been in good voice all the season and her numbers are finished amidst great applause. "Under a Bamboo Tree" is the singing feature of the first act and Bobby Kemp and Nettie Lewis are recalled nightly. May Lang was on the bill the week in New Orleans. Don't hear any more of the actor's protective association. Write "Senator."

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Notes from the Buckingham Theatre Tampa, Fla.—Business is big as usual. Pauline Cottrill with her gorgeous costumes is still amazing our patrons. Hatch and Hatch, the big-little team, are doing well. The Watts are pleasing them nightly in their songs and dances. Bradley and Leach are in their fourth week and still pleasing all. Will Goff Kennedy is a prime favorite here and always has the latest songs. Happy Howe, the leading comedian, still continues to make em all laugh and laugh hard. They all may come and go but "Happy" leads them all. Cliff Brooks, the clever performer and tenor always pleases. Geo. McDaniels, the coming comedian, is good for an encore nightly. Ada Harris, Laura Logan, Lizzie Roberts and Pearl Wyatt are all doing well in their respective parts. Underlined for next week are Moore and Vaughn, Miss Hattie Crawford and Lucy Pettis. Prof. S. E. Dodd's band and orchestra, is composed of the following musicians: S. E. Dodd, E cornet and violin; A. G. Jones, cornet; Willie Lewis, cornet and viola; E. N. Collins, trombone; A. H. Hunt, trombone and 2nd violin; Wm. Thomas, tuba and bass; J. M. Gayles, baritone and cello; H. Dixon, piano and alto. Lewis Williams, clarionet; W. G. Kennedy, solo alto; Cliff Brooks, bass drum; Oscar Hicks, traps; Prof. Dodd announces that this is the best little band that he has ever directed. By the time the "A Rabbit's Foot" company, takes the road, in April, he will have a band that is second to none. We find Tampa the greatest of all winter resorts. D. Ireland Thomas sends regards to Augustus Stevens and the entire A. G. Allen, aggregation.

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Notes from Allen's Minstrels:—Wm. Hallback, the comedian is with us. He is a howling success from start to finish. H. S. Smith is still hitting them hard as an old man. We met the "Big Minstrel Festival" and extend our thanks to Mr. Kersands for the praise and credit he gave us at Pensacola. Joe Jordan, our sensational trombonist gets his, street and table. E C Pittman is better than ever with his melaphone. During our stay in Mobile, McDade, under the direction of McCamon and Johnson, made good. Jas Cox, trap drummer, and Brown Brooks are soon to put on their new act, "The Boozers." Jas. T. Fernando sends regards to Frank Inman. Hi Henry Hunt, the 'Alabama Wizzard' is still dining on fire; its a hot diet. Our advance agent, A. G. Allen is on the sick list and has gone to his hotel in Mobile to be treated. G. W. Quine, our manager has gone in advance until Mr. Allen recovers, which we hope will be soon. John Williams, monologist, is leaving them screaming singing, "If dem Chickens Don't Roost too High." James Wise is scoring heavily singing, "Bill Bailey." Arnte and Roberson, knockabout sketch team is leaving them screaming nightly. Miss Hattie Beecham our little soubrette who sets the pace singing "Eva" scores heavily everywhere. Another remarkable feat is the graceful work of Mrs. Hunt and Mrs Wise in their big four song and dance. The old reliable Acme quartette is closing our first part. Our band and orchestra is lead by Prof. McCamon who is well liked by all. All sends regards to friends. Wm Hallback sends regards to all Richard & Pringles company.

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Chicago notes:—Daddy Love's Theatrical Exchange.—Miss Sadie Citizen formerly with the Honolulu Coon company has closed and is in the city. Mr. and Mrs Charles T. Small have joined the Moonshiner's Daughter company in a comedy role.—Augustus Stevens, of the team of Williams and Stevens, who who has been ill is improving rapidly, being able to leave his bed. The team will soon be able to resume business. Mrs. Harry Prampin, America's leading cornet soloist, has been very ill but is convalescent and sends regards to all friends.—Well Bub, how is Bo. Ask Harry Prampin. In our notices, we unintentionally overlooked our dear friend Harry, one of the star cornet soloists, who is ably assisted by his wife. As a team they have no equals. Look out o'fays. Although young yet, age will produce him as a wonder. Mme. Marion Adams Harris who was called to Hagerstown Md, to bury a sister, has returned home. We will have something to say about her in a few days. Mme. Helen Ogden is making a big hit in vaudeville at Davenport, Ia. She goes from there to Omaha Neb. As she is one of Chicago's prima donna soprano singers we wish her abundant success. Mose Ferry blew in from the West with nothing but money and is looking fine. Mr and Mrs. John Vaughner and Miss Clara Roane, have closed with the Hottest Coon in Dixie company. They send regards to friends. The Smalls wish to be remembered to Tom Logan Chas. Parker and old friends. Wm. C. Windom and his Blackstone Quartette are the hit at the Columbia theatre with the minstrel production. They are receiving encore after encore. The "Smart Set Co." headed by Ernest Hogar, the great comedian and entertainer passed through the city Sunday, enroute to Milwaukee. They will play this city the week of the 25th. More will be said of them then.—Don't forget that Mrs. James L. Love has a beautiful little lunch room called the "Little Hogan," after Ernest; located on Thirty Second street between State and Dearborn. When you have eaten there once you will walk ten miles to do the same thing again. That's all.—Billy Miller the comedian with the Hottest Coon in Dixie company spent a week in the city, joining the company at Galesburg, Ill. Daddy Love sends regards to Ernest Hogan, Al Holman, Blondi. Goggin & Davis, Ben Hunn and Williams & Walker.—A number of professionals are laying off in the city. No more work at the Trocadero for the colored profession. P. B. R. Hendrix sends regards to Mesdames Marie Richardson, Helen Ogden, Marion Adams Harris, Rosa Lee Tyler and Hen & Milton Wise and Sam Lucas.

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Hillsboro, Tex., Jan 3.

Dear Sir:—I consider the Christmas edition of The Freeman superior to its white contemporaries, the Dramatic Miror ann the New York Clipper. Very truly Yours. S. JONES, (Black Patti.)

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Vaudeville in Boston.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Mr. B. F. Keith was the originator of continuous vaudeville performances in America. He was always kindly disposed toward colored performers and made them a factor in establishing his record for giving superior stage performances. When he grew rich and built the finest vaudeville theatre in the world, in the city of Boston, he picked out the best stars of every race, regardless of color to entertain his patrons. Mr. Keith can claim the honorable distinction of having placed colored performers prominently in vaudeville and making the brightest stars his headliners.

Black Patti, Ernest Hogan, Bob Cole and Rosamond Johnson have established precedents which bid us echo forth in glorious praises of approval to the name of Benjamin F. Keith. Cole & Johnson have just finished a run of one month at Keiths. This is something unusual as performers seldom ever remain on his bills more than two weeks. Rosamond Johnson seems to have carried the day in playing ragtime music; his touch is so artistic that he can now be safely called the finest rag time player of any race or color in the world. He sings in languages; his voice improves and I am inclined to feel much interested in its preservation; so one dark day, when the ground was damp with snow, I sent word to Bob Cole to be sure and not let Rosamond get his feet wet.

Al. and Mamie Anderson were headlights at the old Howard Atheneum, recently and I went to see them. Al. Anderson wears nice legitimate clothes. I wish Ernest Hogan could see them. It would be a nice thing if they could change garments. Hogan's misfits would be just the thing for Al's variety turn, say from now until he attempts to star again. Anderson's dialogue with his wife is good substantial stuff. Every boy in the gallery (in Boston only) knows it by heart and recites it ahead of time. But it is good material and that is why it lives—even if it won't live forever. He is a very good comedian in almost every respect. He is baldheaded but not yet old and his future is still bright. Mamie Anderson is a light complexioned woman with beautiful eyes. She sets a great example by using neither paint nor powder to disguise her color. She has the common sense to know that trying to look white spoils everything. Her voice is loud and sweet. It is not an educated voice but one that will go on its natural sweetness.

The Golden Gate Quartette was on the same bill as the Anderson's as were, also, the Washington's. The quartette worked in with the white burlesque company and met with extraordinary success. Mrs. Fanny Winifred did not sing. Whether her voice was to exquisite to suit the white performers in the burlesque show or whether she is saving it for the Keith circuit or not is all involved in mystery. The mystery is, has she escaped or did she miss the chance for The Freeman critic to hear her sing?

I dropped into one of the Bowdoin Square concerts, a few Sundays ago. I took in the ten cent gallery—something fierce—but I like to sit among the rowdies, I like to hear them talk—then I know what's doing. Irving Jones, whose face is getting so fat you can hardly see his eyes, came out and delivered some good goods. He rendered "St. Patrick's Day is a Bad Day for Coons." His monologue was new and telling. He is too prominent an actor to appear in citizen's clothes in place of a dress suit, even so some of the Boston Sunday concerts "do not" compare favorably with Chicago museum shows. The DeWolf Sisters were on the list and sang three duets. There is something sad about show life when a woman's voice that once charmed you sweetly has faded and the painful expressions of regret upon her brow endeavor to impress you. For the sake of young female soprano singers, I will say that a life of luxury will rob you and your voice will fail and leave you right at the very time of life you need it most.

Mr. Geo. Milbank, manager of Austin and Stone's Museum who died several days ago, was a great friend to colored performers. He was greatly beloved by all who knew him and his presence will be greatly missed. He was suddenly stricken with apoplexy from which he never recovered.

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News Notes from Missouri.

Moberly, Mo., Special.—Christmas was spent pleasantly by every one. The entertainments at the different churches were all a success. The K. of P. Lodge and Court of Calanthe held their public installation at the Fifth Street Baptist church on Saturday night, Jan. 3d. A good crowd was in attendance. The Young Men's Social club gave a dance at the East Side hall for the visitors. The ball given by the Excelsior band was a grand success and well attended. Mrs. Amanda Oliver and son, Leon, of Keewanee, Ill., were the guests of relatives and friends during Christmas. Messers. Dudley Baker, Leslie Quinn, Bishop Althouse and Simon Boone of Lincoln Institute spent the holidays with their parents. Mrs. Lozenza Renfro of Kansas City, Mo., was the guest of Mrs. Nancy Porter. Joseph Johnson of Washington, Mo., made a flying visit to Moberly on Tuesday, the 6th. Mr. Bornes of Lincoln Institute spent Christmas with Leslie Quinn. Claud Cross of Kansas City was the guest of his brother, Clarence Cross. Misses Rosa Ruby and Ida Jones of Macon were visitors in Moberly. Mr. H. Miller Lewis entertained the following guests who were returning to Western College, Macon, Mo.: Miss Lula L. Wright of Fayette, Mo, Lula E Foster, Boonville, Mo., Pearlie B. Hinch, Fayette, Mo., and Nadiene H. Meyers, Fayette, Mo. Mrs Effie Bartlett Collins spent Christmas in Keokuk, Iowa. Prof. J. H. Coleman spent several days in Columbia with his brother Prof. J. B. Coleman. Mrs. Nancy Eastwood visited out of Moberly during the holidays. Miss Bertha Brooks was a visitor in St. Louis. Mr Anciel Hoskins of St. Louis and Cosby Bridgewater of Moberly are visiting in Glasgow. Mr Earnest Boone of Keewanee, Ill, spent Christmas in the city.

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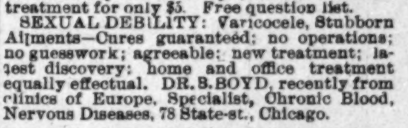

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The Poultry Business.

The poultry business is just now coming under the influence of the same conditions which have so radically revolutionized the meat industry in the last twenty-five years. Cold storage and refrigerator transportations are opening possibilities in poultry production and distribution that will tremendously increase the importance of the industry in the next decade. Under old conditions, poultry consumed in any section of the country was of local production, as chickens bear long live shipment but poorly. With the application of refrigeration will come a change, both in production and distribution. Production, instead of being confined to localities in ready touch with markets will concentrate in the districts where poultry can be produced most cheaply. In other words the centre of production, as in the case of beef, will be near the grain fields and especially in the corn belt. Another change will be in the direction of production on a large scale instead of chicken raising as a mere incident to farming In the past chickens have either been shipped alive to market centers, to be killed just before being offered to the consumer or killed on the farm and shipped to the commission man for immediate disposition. From an economic standpoint either method is wasteful. The by products in the shape of feathers and offal are practically wasted.

Chicken slaughter on a large scale is already practised at Western points like Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City, where Armour, Swift and other great packers are engaging in the business, with their wealth of money experience and facilities for distribution. On the scale on which these operations are conducted, the chances of economy in utilizing of by-products are so great that these operators can offer prices for chickens which cannot be met by local buyers or commission shippers and this class of poultry handlers are destined to pass out of existence, just as the local butcher passed away and for the same reason—inability of the small operator to equal the large in economies of production. These big concerns have regular routes over which chicken cars are run at stated intervals, gathering up fowls from local buyers. The slaughter is continuous, without regard to immediate market demands, the surplus being stored in refrigeration to be drawn against at those seasons when the supply of live fowls is small. This tends to equalize conditions throughout the whole year, avoiding the succeeding periods of glut and scarcity that alternately follow each other under old conditions.

This new branch of the packing business will furnish, as in the case of cattle, a steady market for all grades of poultry in any quantity and at all times and the result will be that poultry raising in the middle Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys will be carried on, on such scale as to make "Chicago" chicken as well as "Chicago" beef in the dietary of America and Europe.

Study the Soils.

An interesting study for farmers and their boys these indoor days would be that portion of geology that describes the formation of our soils. Very few of us understand what the different soils are composed of or how they came to locations where they are found. The bottom lands we know are composed largely of the soil that is washed from the hills and uplands and is made up of decayed vegetable matter. This is also true of the lower Mississippi lands But where did the clay loam soil, on which this vegetable matter was produced come from? Geologists tell us that clay is the result of the decomposition of the rocks that have been thrown up into mountain ranges by the vast pressure within the earth. The rain, frost, sunshine and other forces continually at work through ages upon ages, have produced the wondrous results we see about us, in the many different kinds of soils, gravels, sands and loams The study of glaciers explains both how soils are formed and how they are distributed and is exceedingly interesting to all, especially those who till the ground. Our State geological reports, some of which can be had for the asking, give much attention to these subjects and should be more generally distributed in the farming districts.

Economy of Shelter.

By actual experiment it has been demonstrated that the saving of food by means of good shelter is equal to the cost of the shelter in a short time. Pigs when provided with good shelter and warm quarters (by experiment made) fattened on much less food than was required to keep the unprotected animals alive. The comparison is an important one. In the first place the animals not properly provided with suitable accommodations, not gaining in weight at all, really destroyed or wasted all that had been provided them for the food was converted into heat in order to give the animals protection that should have been furnished with boards and shingles In the one sense it might be asked whether feeding an animal on the products of the farm, which require labor in order to be produced, is cheaper than the shelter which, when once erected lasts for a number of years and does service for successive seasons. The quality of the shelter is as important as the quality of the feed. A pig fed occasionally on a mass of bulky provender containing but little nutrition, certainly is not expected to do as well as one that receives a plentiful supply of all that is needed to promote growth, health and condition and neither should it be expected that a shelter which allows the cold to enter or the water to leak in can properly protect the animal against the rigors of winter and the moisture of early spring. Good warm, dry quarters lessen the quantity of food required for bodily heat, and should any surplus food, above that required for warmth be fed it will be converted by the animal into healthy growth and add so much actual value to itself, but if the shelter is such that the animal is compelled to depend upon the food for heat, the food so fed is a loss and an expense. Nor is it in the winter only that shelter should be provided. All seasons have their disadvantages in that respect. Warmth in winter and sufficient ventilation in the summer should be allowed. In fact, the comfort of the animals should be considered In feeding an animal, the object is profit and every advantage must be taken if the profit is to be increased.

Mange Among Horses.

The following facts concerning mange or Texas itch among horses are given by R. A Craig, the veterinarian, and issued as a bulletin by Purdue University experiment station:

This is a disease of horses corresponding to scab among sheep. It has been reported occasionally during the past year from various parts of the State. The majority of these reports have shown the disease to be in the Western horses recently brought to the State and in natives that have contracted the disease from them.

The disease is due to a small parasite or itch mite that affects horses only and is spread by the animals coming in contact or by being placed in stables where affected animals have been or from using harness and blankets that have been used on diseased animals.

The earliest symptom is the intense itching as shown by the animal rubbing against trees, fences, sides of the stall or biting the part Blanketing the animal increases the irritation. The affection usually begins with some small patch and gradually extends over the body. If the skin be examined carefully it will be found to be redened; there will be numerous small elevations like pimples and the hairs will show matting. Crusts form, the hair falls out leaving large dry patches. In extensive infection, the skin becomes thickened and markedly rigid. The animals loose flesh and become generally debilitated and some may die

The disease responds to treatment very promptly. Strong solutions of any of the sheep dips, especially the creolin like or coal tar preparations, as zenoleum or chloronaphtholeum or tobacco extracts will soon arrest it. The washing should be thorough and repeated once a week until well The harness, stalls, etc., will need be washed with a similar solution to prevent reinfection

This is one of the diseases that should be reported to the state veterinarian, Dr. A. W Bitting, Lafayette, Ind, so that quarantine measures will be enforced when the owner does not exercise proper care.

FARM NOTES.

When farmers are busy in the spring they are liable to neglect many matters which deserve their attention. Now is the opportunity for getting the implements in order and sharpening the tools. The grindstone is a valuable adjunct to good farming if thorough work is desired.

The goose is a forager and grazer and even alongside of the sheep will utilize all kinds of grass very closely and will assist poor land to earn a dividend. Geese can be kept in large flocks profitably, so that "specialty farming" in this line may be conducted on quite a large scale. They may be grown for less per pound than almost any other meat on the farm.

Irish potatoes in the cellar should be covered with carpet and boards. Light and air spoil their eating qualities. Sweet potatoes are handy to have around during the winter and spring months, but they will not keep during the winter in the cellar. They must be kept in a room where there is fire enough to keep out dampness and where there is no danger of freezing.

Any farmer can try the experiment of innoculating the soil with the necessary bacteria for promoting the growth of a crop. Should the soil seem unadapted to clover it will be found of advantag to procure a few bushels of earth from a field upon which grew a luxuriant crop of clover, broadcasting the earth over the field and seeding to clover, the possibility being that a good stand of clover will be obtained

Ground intended for onions should be plowed as early as the weather will permit, as the onion crop is the first to go in. One method of producing onions is to sow the seeds in hotbeds and transplant the small bulbs later. The seeds may be sown in the hotbeds in January or February. By thus growing them there is a saving of time and less difficulty with weeds. If preferred the onion sets may be procured of seedsmen.

Leslie's Monthly for January lauds Missouri as the paradise of the American hen. Last year the Missouri farmers got up early to harvest their corn wheat, oats, timothy seed, clover seed, cane seed, millet seed, tobacco, broom corn, hay and grain, but work as they would the Missouri hen worked faster. At the end of the year the farmer's books showed that the sale of poultry and eggs ran $17,000 ahead of all the other farm products of the State combined

All kinds of early crops that are to be grown from seed in the spring may be hastened by starting them in a hot bed. Some may then be transferred to cold frames, such as lettuce and cabbage. For the family garden such work will not be laborious if attention is now given the early crops. The advantage of having all kinds of vegetables early are that they will escape the dry season to a certain extent and may be followed by later crops Peas may be seeded in the open ground quite early, if the ground is warm.

If young trees are received from the nurseryman be careful and not expose the roots to the action of dry winds. As many insects and diseases may be distributed from nurseries, all trees should be very carefully examined, no matter how young they may be. When setting them out prepare the land well, and give the roots plenty of room. Use no manure, but place the top soil next the roots. Shorten back the tops, so as to be able to shape the trees in the future and also for the purpose of providing more nourishment at the start.

It is possible now to send 100 pounds of freight half way around the world for the small sum of 40 cents. We used to get that much for hauling the same amount by team a distance of fifty miles.

Varieties of peaches which will stand a temperature of 20 degrees below zero are being successfully grown in many parts of the country where heretofore peach growing has been considered impossible.

The twin evangelists of agriculture always working and blessing the waste places of the country are blue grass and white clover, ever creeping by wayside and highway, uninvited and always welcome.

Old black walnut stumps are being dug up all over the west for use in the manufacture of gun stocks, the stumps in some cases bringing more money than the tree which grew upon them did fifty years ago.

For some years there has been a craze or fad for the all red shorthorn, and this, too, in spite of the fact that the prize winning animals at the big shows have quite generally been of some other color, mostly roan. The color fad is sometimes carried to an extreme.

The close of the year 1902 sees more hogs in sight than ever before and a more active demand for their product at higher prices than the hog raisers have known for many years. Coupled with this condition of things is an almost entire absence of epidemic diseases among the herds.

A very common mistake in the planting of groves of timber around the prairie farm homestead is to have the belt of timber too narrow and too near the premises. In such a case it operates to catch the drifting snows and becomes almost a nuisance. This might be entirely prevented by planting another row or two of trees out away from the grove at a distance of fifteen or twenty rods.

Some of our most successful feeders are coming to the conclusion that a steer may be more economically and profitably fed by mixing his grain ration with his roughage, the claim being made with reason that this manner of feeding secures a more thorough and perfect mastication and assimilation of the ration. This fact has been brought prominently forward by the few men who have fed a ration of silage to their beef cattle.

The wet season of 1902 has given a great impetus to drainage schemes of all sorts and kinds. Many of the wet counties of the west are conducting large drainage enterprises involving the expenditure of thousands of dollars to provide ample and permanent outlets for the surplus water of their wet areas, while thousands of men are preparing to tile large tracts of farm lands which such a season as the past has rendered entirely unproductive.

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The Christmas number of The Freeman was a 20 page edition, brimful of good reading matter and a perfect gem in mechanical production.—The American Baptist, Louisville, Ky.

We have received the double-column, 20 page Christmas number of the Indianapolis Freeman. It is pretty well full of dining room stuff, with a sprinkling of education, business and religion here and there. The mechanical work is a model. The whole combination makes up a holiday newspaper worthy a place in any file—Dallas Express.

T   hristmas number of the Indianapolis Freeman was a rich peice of journalism. Editor Knox is keeping abreast with the times and is giving the race a paper that should be liberally encouraged.—Victoria, Tex.

The Freeman, published at Indianapolis, Indiana, with its Christmas number, is one of the best weekly souvenir editions it has been our good fortune to see. It is replete with the portraits of some of the leading colored theater performers and other professional men and women of the present age The Freeman's Christmas number is an evidence of these prosperous times. We send it to the head of the class.—The Western (Col) Enterprize.

The Christmas Edition of The Eagle of Los Angeles, Cal, and The Freeman of Indianoplis, Ind, are brin full of interesting reading. The illustrations are fine and the general make up first class. The Freeman is specially interesting, the articles and write up takes in whole the country and is in keeping with its able and progressive management Long life and prosperity to our able confreres.—News-Enterprize, Shreaveport, La.

The Indianapolis Freeman's holiday number reached our office this week. It is a beauty, a twenty page edition, on good paper illustrated with cuts of different colleges and foremost men and women. It is up to its former holiday edition and merits the unstinted commendations of all race lovers. It is easily the peer of any journal published by our race. Brother Cooper, we in Iowa, with thousands of your readers, congratulate you on producing such an edition.—Iowa State, Bystander.

Several of our exchanges published special Christmas editions. Our space forbids giving them the credit they so richly deserve; but among the many those of the Indianapolis Freeman and the Topeka Plaindealer were especially noticeable for their excellent articles and make-up. The Rising Son of Kansas City, The Bystander of Des Moines and the Utah Plaindealer also got out good holiday editions characteristic of Western push and enterprise—Omaha Enterprise.

A lot of coloed papers wasted a great deal of printers' ink, book paper and probably some money, in a vain effort to issue what they termed "our holiday number, price 10 cents," but we must take off our hat to our confrere, the Indianapolis Freeman, whose management has done creditable work in getting out a real holiday number, with several readable articles. In our time we have seen a few real interesting special numbers of colored papers, with from 16 to 40 pages, among which might be mentioned the Easter numbers of the Denver Statesman and Omaha Enterprise, the Ascension Day and Masonic numbers of the St Joseph Mirror, the enterprise of the Florida Sentinel and the several holiday numbers of The Freeman. Briefly, The Freeman does itself proud in every instance.—Indianapolis, World.

The holiday issue of The Freeman, the leading publication in the country devoted to the interests of the colored race is highly creditable to the enterprising spirit of its publisher, George L Knox. Mr Knox's life history reads like a romance, with its varying pages of tragedy and pathos with the closing years of the hero crowned with the blessings of home and happiness. He began life a Southern slave When the storm of civil strife broke over the land in 1861, being a lad in his teens, he ran away from his master, and hiding in swamps by day and traveling through woods by night, now and then sheltered and helped along by some one of his race, he made his way to the union lines where he joined the army. After about two years he came north to Indiana. His experiences in this state were eventful enough during his first years here. Coming to Indianapolis he soon built up a fine business as a barber, his quiet and gentlemanly demeanor gaining for him friends among all classes. For years he has conducted the leading tonsorial establishments in Indianapolis, the Denison shaving parlor being one of the best to be found anywhere. Some twelve years ago Mr. Knox purchased The Freeman, and at once put sufficient capital into the enterprise to make it the leading, most widely circulated and most influential journal in America devoted exclusively to colored race interest. The last issue is profusely illustrated and filled with interesting matter covering a great variety of subjects. Mr Knox as a man and a citizen, well deserves the success that has attended his efforts—Indianapolis, Independent.

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A LADY of New Iberia, La.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17. 1902.

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Molino, Fla., Nov. 14, 1902.

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F. J.

Guntersville, Ala., Oct. 26, 1902.

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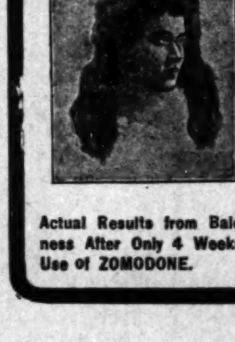

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25 to 30	2 75	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
30 to 35	3 00	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
35 to 40	3 25	200 00	100 00	5 70	1 43
40 to 45	3 50	140 00	70 00	5 79	1 43
45 to 50	3 75	115 00	58 00	6 65	1 66
50 to 55	4 00	90 00	45 00	6 65	1 66
55 to 60	4 25	65 00	33 00	7 60	1 90

CLASS "E" TABLE.

AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate before 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
14 to 25	$ 5 00	$ 500 00	$ 250 00	$ 9 50	$ 2 50
25 to 30	5 25	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
30 to 35	5 50	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
35 to 40	5 75	500 00	250 00	10 40	2 60
40 to 45	6 00	450 00	225 00	10 40	2 60
45 to 50	6 25	400 00	200 00	11 40	2 85
50 to 60	6 50	350 00	175 00	11 40	2 85

CLASS "M" TABLE.

AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 30	$ 11 00	$ 1000 00	$ 21 00	$ 5 25
30 to 35	12 00	1000 00	22 00	5 50
35 to 40	12 00	900 00	23 00	5 75
40 to 45	13 00	800 00	24 00	6 00
45 to 50	13 00	700 00	25 00	6 25

REGALIA.

The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost within the reach of all costing from 10 cents to $350 the same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

THE SAVINGS BANK.

In March 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia, a charter to the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountian United Order of True Reformers, capital stock $100,000 00. The bank commenced bussiness April 3rd, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid-up capital stock of $100,000.00. From the humble sum of $1.268.69 deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889, the deposits have grown to $350,858.00, and the volume of business transacted amounts to $6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing-house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne an ex slave of Habersham county, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of $225,221 65, situated in various States, consisting of 18 magnificent buildings used as halls 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and 3 farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it.

This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, Chief of Real Estate and Attorney for the organization, with offices at 604 N. Second street, Richmond, Va.

REFORMER'S MECANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION

Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December 1899 with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va The purpose of this Association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail) buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and general business. The Association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodation for 150 guests. Mr. A W. Holmes is manager and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores, at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3rd, 1900. It emyloys a force of eighteen men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did $50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since and have been equally as prosperous. The General Manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT

Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is $1 per year, or 5c per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print anything from a visiting card to a poster 12 by 62 inches. Fine job-work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr E. W. Brown is Editor and Business Manager, office 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

OLD FOLKS' HOME

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As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the co-operation of all charitable friends is prayfully solicited. All contributions, donations and bequeaths of every character will be very thankfully received Mr. T W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Homes, offices at 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va.

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RACE GLEANINGS

The Southern Federation of Women's Clubs, which embraces all Clubs composed of colored women, will hold its annual gathering in New Orleans Dec 29 and 30, next. Mrs. Booker T, Washington, the president has sent out a circular letter urging a large and enthusiastic attendance.

Colored citizens of Pine Bluff, Ark, have organized a new bank. J. N. Donoho is the leader in the move. Colored banks are becoming quite numerous throughout the country and all are reported to be successful and well conducted.

A. C. Hutcherson, a prominent railroad man of this city, who was president of the Morgan Louisiana and Texas Railroad and Steamship Company, died Sunday, the 7th inst. He left his fortune to his two sisters, a few friends and the medical department of the Tulane University. Among those thus favored was his house servant, Mr. Jane Gaines colored, who receives $10,000.

The Liberian Construction and Improvement Company is a corporation by colored men, formed to do business Liberia, Africa, the Negro Republic. It was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey for $200,000, with main office in Philadelphia and foreign office in Monrovia. J. R. Faulkner, one of several Faulkner brothers, is superintendent of the Liberian Company. He is in Africa, where he has under way the construction of a railroad of twenty-five miles, for which his company was granted a franchise and a subsidy of $1 000 per mile by the Liberian government.

The colored voters of the ten city wards of Hartford, Conn, are going to hold meeting in the near future to elect delegates to the city caucus of colored voters, to take action on the selection of a man for the position of deputy sheriff This will be the first time in the history of Hartford that the colored citizens have received any political recognition.

A Negro exhibit will most likely be a feature of the St. Louis World's Fair. J. Milton Turner is reported to be a candidate for the office of Commissioner General of the exhibit.

Miss Clara L. Scudder, an accomplished pianiste and contralto vocalist, of Philadelphia, has recently returned from a successful professional tour of Europe.

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CHAPTER IX.

FAREWELL PRAYER.

"'Twas the night before Christmas," in the year of our Lord, 1897. The time a little after sunset, what they call in the Southland "candle light," that Uncle Tom Tatum rushed in his log cabin, where Jerry and Ella Stratton were stopping.

His face bore an excited and frightened look; his eyes protruded from his head; his nostrils expanded; his lips turned gray; his whole body shook with fear. It was several minutes before he could speak. He at last spoke: "Mister Strattum an' Mist Eller, fo' de Lawd sake; yes fo' hebben sake! please ter go 'way; please ter leave my house; please don' git ther ole man inter trubble; please don't git me kilt; please——"

"What in the thunder's the matter with you Uncle Tom? Are you drunk or crazy?"

"I'se nuther drunk nor crazy, but I wants ter tell yo' all deys comin' to lynch yo' after Christmuss ef dey finds yo' all here, an' dey may lynch me too, so please leave my house ter once. I'se sorry—mighty sorry, but I can't hope it."

"What are you talking about, Uncle Tom?" asked the woman.

"Why Missie yo' see its dis way: de white folks down here don't like ter see yo' messin' wid er black man. Taint right (less more dey don't think it is right). Dey don't like Mistar Strattum an' deys comin ter lynch him, less more, burn him up, less him an' yo' gits out of ther place ter once, or less more ther day after Christmuss; so fer my sake please git out."

During this pleading the old man fell upon his knees, "Ef you' don't git out I must; but if I does I'll loose all of my property."

Uncle Tom's "property," outside of the two room log cabin, which was built upon rented land, was an old bed, two broken chairs, an ax, a hoe, two spades, five plates, two cups, two knives and forks, one pot, one skillet, a sheep's gray home spun Sunday suit and a side of bacon; but they were his, and he did not want to loose them; and had also resolved not to loose his life protecting or harboring a stranger from the North upon whose head was the wrath and righteous (?) indignation of the "best white citizens of the community."

Jerry and Ella looked at each other while Uncle Tom walked up and down the floor in an excited manner Stratton was the first to speak: "Now see here, Uncle Tom, we can't leave here for three or four days, at least before Christmas, so we will buy you out and pay cash. How much do you want for everything in the place you can not carry away; everything but your personal property? That is to say, to make it plain, what will you take for everything you cannot carry in a bag on your back, and what you can replace new with money?"

"Well," said the old man, after several minutes' reflection, "dey otter be worf $25." Seeing Stratton pull out of his pocket a large roll of bills, the old man added: "Less more dey otter be worf $30 what I leaves hind me. Dey otter——"

"Well, you sell me everything in the house, besides what you can carry away on your back, Uncle Tom, for $30?" asked Stratton.

"Yesser," replied Uncle Tom.

"Well, Uncle Tom, here is $100 in small bills, now escape for your life."

The old man stood for a few minutes in mute surprise, before he spoke: "Young man, I's sorry fer yo', but yo' orter knowed better than ter come down here with a white woman, less more if she is your wife. Yo's got eddykasun; yo' reads de papers; yo' knows how dey—ther white folks—down here does our folks. I's an ole man 'bout seventy-five. I can't live much longer, but I does not want ter be lynched. I wants ter live out my time an' go to hebben when I dies. Is yo' got 'ligion or is yo' er sinner man, Mist Strattum?"

"Well, Uncle Tom, I am what you emotional Baptist and Methodist good folks would call a 'sinner man.' I have not got what you would call religion."

"Den I'se goin' ter pray fer yo' soul," replied Uncle Tom. He took off his hat, placed it upon the table, knelt down and motioned them, in a commanding way to kneel; they obeyed. All was silent for two or three minutes. It was silent prayer, (at least on the part of Uncle Tom.) At last Uncle Tom began to pray in a low, solemn voice, clear and distinct. He pleaded with the "God of his fathers" not to forsake the American Negro, in this, the darkest hour in his history; he asked the "Supreme Judge" to decide in favor of justice, truth and right. He appealed to the "God of Battles" to fight the Negro's cause for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." He implored the "Prince of Peace" to bring about the friendly relations between the two races that existed before the Civil war, when the interest of "man and master" were one. He imploringly asked the "God of Truth and Love" why it was that the two races could not get along together, as of yore. Was it because the present white folks were better than their forefathers, or was the black people of to-day worse—more dishonest and immoral than their parents of the days of bondage. He asked the "God of Heaven and Earth" to speed the day when the spirit of prejudice would disappear like the morning mist, as the sun of civilization rises towards its zenith, and men learn, with the aid of a broken education and more enlightened mental vision, that we all have a common heritage of virtues and—failings from whatever race we may be descended. He then prayed for Stratton's salvation, on this the eve of his untimely death, and ended his prayer in the good old Baptist style, with: "After all our work is done here on earth, han' us down ter our cold water graves in peace, and raise our spirrits high and happy in de kingdum is my prayer."

It was an eloquent prayer and sermon; it was delivered in the broken Negro dialect of his section. It was, however, a prayer we hope will be answered in the near future.

They arose and stood in silence for a few moments. Stratton was the first to speak: "Uncle Tom, how in the world am I to be 'handed down to a cold water grave in peace,' if they are going to burn me at the stake? Where did you get that cold water grave business?"

"Why, out of ther bible, yo' knows. Yo' kin read; yo' know where to find it in two eye John or some other part; any way I must go, so good bye my son, good bye my gal, God bless yo' both," and Uncle Tom rushed out and was soon lost in the woods opposite.

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BLOSSOM II.

A GAME OF BALL.

James Harrison Beal, better known as "Jim" was the favorite in the little villiage in which he lived. Every-body knew Jim and admired him and, of course it made the other boys of Greensboro feel bad to see how Jim was idolized by everybody, but Jim never once gave that a thought neither did the flattery he received turn his head; he was the same Jim every day, week and year. In school and out Jim was every-one's favorite. The teacher loved him very much and often pointed him out to the other scholars as the "model boy." He was a good and obliging little fellow one that always studied and knew his lessons. It is needless to say that he stood at the head of his class. Every commencement found Jim at the head with but one, the year 18—, when the measels and mumphs became such an epidemic in Greensboro and, in fact, throughout the south western part of Alabama, causing a number of deaths and alarming everybody for a short period, during which time the school had to be temporarily suspended.

Everybody in the community, old and young had the measels or the mumphs except Jim and Sallie Perkins, but in a few weeks, the fear caused by this dreaded disease subsided enough for school to resume its duties again. In a short time all the school children had forgotten all about the measels and the mumphs and, as at all schools, base ball was the popular game among the boys and every Friday afternoon there would be a big game between the Baptist and the Methodist schools until there was a great rivalry between the two schools as to which was the better club. The Methodist boys certainly played better than the Baptist boys because every one of them was considered an expert player, with the exception of June Dodd, who in his own famous lazy way could play a good game when he wanted to. Everybody knew June Dodd as "that lazy mortal." Although the Methodist boys played the better game they could never win more games than they lost.

In the Baptist club, several of the boys were poor, but conscientious players. Of this club, Ed Hobsen was the pitcher and Jim the catcher, so they made up for the shortcomings of the other boys. When Jim's turn at the bat would come the bases would always be full and one or two outs, but Jim would always manage somehow to pull the club out of what would seem to be a sure defeat. As a catcher Jim's eye was well trained to watch the ball and whether it went high or low, if the ball once got within reach of Jims hands there was no escape. The greatest fea- in his playing, however, was his superb batting, in which his percentage was fara bove the players of either club.

So thoroughly had the population of this little village been worked up to bass ball enthusiasm, that on this day of the final struggle, all the relatives of the players were on hand to help cheer their loved ones to victory. As the name of each player was called "at the bat" there would be craning of the necks and and cheering. But the words that would electrify the crowd would be when it was announced, "Jim Beal at the bat.". The crowd would then surge and push forward and wild cheers arise which would as quickly subside and each would hold his breath in anticipation. On this, his last time at the bat, the score stood 20 to 23 in favor of the Methodists. Three men were on the bases and two "outs" recorded. To bring in the three men would tie the score; fail and the day was lost.

Jim stood with his bat raised, cap thrown carlesly back and his eyes fixed on the ball. "Three balls" the umpire cried and then a groan from the crowd. Again Jim raised his hat with an eager look, the ball came whizzing over the plate and shot downward. Whiz went Jim's bat and he spun around on his feet like a top. 'Strike two" cried the umpire and again came groans from the crowd. For the last time Jim raised his bat and silence reigned while old men in their eagerness to see unconsciously dropped their sticks as they waited with abated breath to see Jim smash the ball. At last the ball came Jim's way and as quick as lightening he struck it so hard that it flew over a neighboring fence, Jim not only clearing the bases but he himself made a home run which won the game while the crowd cheered mid wild enthusiasm.

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Deloss Moss is ill at his home in N. Missouri street.

William D. Edington was in the city from Chicago last week.

Mrs. Florence Phillips has returned to her home in Dayton, O.

Mrs. Maggie Blaylock continues ill at her home in Missouri street.

Carter Smith's dancing school was well attended Thursday evening.

Mrs. Edwin Stokes entertained the Topaz Cluster yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis of Logansport, Ind., are guests of friends in the city.

Miss Belle Lindsay has returned home after being out of the city for three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonaparte Beatty and W. H. Fielding was in Muncie, Ind., Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Fidler has returned home after visiting her husband in Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Ida Mitchell of Chicago, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Duerson at the Planet Hotel.

Mrs. Milburn, the aunt of Miss Dayse Walker, has returned to her home in Galesburg, Ill.

Revival services are being conducted at Allen Chapel and they are looking for good results.

Mrs. E. E Titus returned home from Kentucky last week, where she was visiting her parents.

Dr. S. A. Furniss entertained the Ugly Men's Club last Thursday evening at the Parker House.

Rev. John Brewer left last Friday night to take charge of the A. M. E. Church in Osceola, Ia.

Miss Daneva W. Donnell formerly of The Recorder office, is now with Mrs. Sallie Brown, on the Circle.

Mrs. Addie Martin entertained the Topaz Cluster last Friday evening at her residence in Capitol avenue.

Mrs. Maude Taylor and little son, Morris are the guests of her brother, William Morris in Dawson street.

Mrs. Lucy Gibbs returned to home in Chicago, Ill., Tuesday after a pleasant stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shelton.

Miss Frances Smith who has been the guest of Mrs. S. Sadie McClellan for several weeks returned to her home in Ft. Wayne, Ind., Tuesday.

Revival services have begun at Bethel A. M. E. Church, begun last Sunday evening under Dr. J. M. Townsend. The meetings are well attended, enthusiasm high with every prospect for great success.

R. J. Gye of Anderson, Ind., was in the city on Wednesday in the interest of the Knight Templars' and Masons' Life Indemnity Company of Chicago, settled claim for $2 000 in the interest of a resident of Brightwood who recently died.

Rev B F. Watson of the Church Extension has just returned from Philadelphia where he has been in the interest of the A. M. E. Church. He will go in a few days to Memphis, Tenn., where he will meet the Bishops' Council at their usual semi-annual meetings.

The Ben Trovato Ball which was given at Tomlinson Hall, Monday evening was a grand affair. The decorations were elaborate and surpassed anything given this season. This club is composed of Indianapolis' most intelligent men. Music was furnished by Carter Smith's orchestra.

BUSINESS INTERESTS

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Happenings Around the Fort.

Ft. Reno, Okla., Special.—A body of wild and reckless soldiers assembled in the Post hall on the evening of the 11th for the purpose of organizing a temperance society. No doubt it may seem strange to hear of a temperance society among soldiers. Several very ables speeches were made by the boys in blue, among them being that of Sergt. L. S. King, who told his hearers how he had been a slave to drink for more than forty years, and was the first man to sign the pledge, followed by fifty other members of Co F, 25th Infantry Sergt. E. Reynolds, of Co. F, noted rough rider, and Miss Julia Jones, of King Fisher, Okla, were married on the 6th. C W. Owens, of Co F, has almost finished his map of his new town in the Philippines, where he expects to go in September with one hundred exsoldiers to colonize the town of San Fernando, P. I.

Pertinent Pick-ups.

Danville, Va., Special.—Mrs. R. E Breedlove returned home last week after spending the holidays with her brother at Fall Creek. Mrs. Bettie Price died in New York City on the 1st. Her remains were brought to this city for burial. Her funeral services were held at Calvary Baptist church, Rev. G. W. Good officiating. Miss Helen McCoy has return home after a pleasant visit in New York City. An oyster supper will be given Monday night at Good Samaritan hall. Good music. The High Street Baptist church will hold their 7th anniversary services of the pastorate of Rev. M L Hall, beginning on the 18th and continuing until the 25th. Rev. Burks, of Roanoke, Va., and other distinguished gentlemen are expected to speak during the week.

News From Utah.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Special.—The Calvary Baptist Church literary society had a very pleasing program Wednesday evening. We think that the members of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 100 A. F & A. M, have forgot what night they meet, every Monday of each week. Mrs. G. D Whipple, while out shopping Thursday, slipped on some ice and sprained her shoulder. The Freeman holiday number was the swellest paper that has ever been seen in this city and a number of my subscribers are not through reading it yet The social party given by little Ethel and Clara McAfee last Wednesday evening, was an enjoyable one for the little folks; supper was served in five courses.

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News Notes.

Mineola, Tex., Special.—James Morrison left for Dallas last week. Fred Mitchell was married to Miss Alice Williams Jan. 12 H. Anderson is up after five weeks in bed. Miss Emma Oliver of Dallas is welcomed to call again. One colored grocery in town patronize it; this store is well supplied Mrs. Mollie Price reads The Freeman each week. Prof. R. M. Jones is fixing for planting and will be ready one month from now. When your house need repair, call on the carpenter, Harry Holt. To the public; those don't pay poll taxes can't vote in the next campaign. If you want a good paper give in your renewal to Sandy Anderson.

News Items.

Troy, Ohio, Special.—The Womans Home Missionary Society of the M. E church held a reception at the home of Mrs. George Skinner. There was an entertainment given by the D. of J. at their hall on Ash street. James Parker the colored man who captured the assasin of McKinley will lecture at the St. James A. M. E. church, Wednesday evening. Mrs. Ben Saunders who has been visiting her daughter in Columbia has returned The members of the Richard Chapel M. E church are looking forward to the $100 rally which will come in the near future. Mrs. A. Vest who went to Connersville, Ind. to spend Christmas has returned.

News Personal and General.

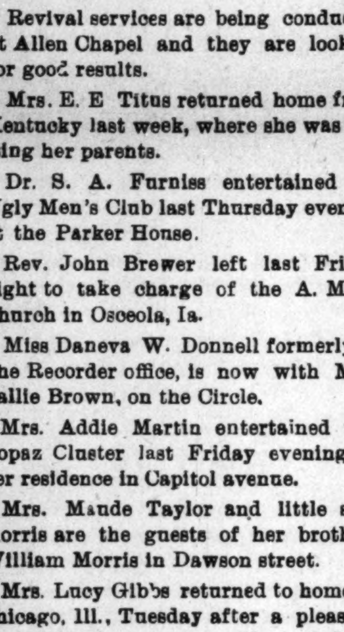
Salt Lake City, Utah, Special.—The Calvery Baptist church literary society was largely attended Wednesday evening, and a fine program was rendered. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the exercises. It is desired that some of our customers leave their address at 45 Wranklin avenue, or call and get their paper. Miss Jessie Griffin and Miss Elnora Duddley, of 143 E Third street, gave an informal on the 15th, from 8 to 10:30 p. m. Lunch was served in five courses. Albert Douglass was quietly married to Miss Florence Seals on Sunday night at the parsonage of the Calvery Baptist church. Only pastor and family were present. We wish them happiness in their new life.

Interesting Points.

Hannibal, Mo., Special.—The Sigma Lambda Club gave a banquet New Year night at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Osceola Queen, in Lyon street, there were 103 guests present to enjoy the festivities prepared for them by the club, whose officers compose the following well known ladies: Mesdames Charles Stephens, 1st vice-president; James Henderson, 2d vice-president; Lula Clay, secretary; O. C. Queen, pianist, and members: Mrs. George Wing, Mrs, Sam Burton, Mrs. A. Hohlman, Mrs. Robert Woods and Mrs. Harvey Jones. The exercises were grand, the opening song being sung by the club, a paper by Mrs. Lula Clay; a solo by Mrs. A Holman; a paper by the second vice-presdent. Mrs. Queen, the hostess, favored the assembled guests with an instrumental selection; the "Life and Some Events" was a paper of merit contributed by Mrs. A. Holman and followed by quotations from the great play writers works by members of the society. The literary and musical program closed with a song, by a quartette composed of Mesdames Geo. Wing, A. Holman, Chas. Stephen and Harvey Jones. Other festal events comprised a collection of novelties and a prize offerred for those who guessed the significance of the greatest number; for instance, the idea to be conveyed by three fruit jars was "family jars;" a plate of pickled beets, "dead beats;" etc. In this friendly contest the first prize for ladies was captured by Miss Gertrude Booker and the second by Miss Blanche Doolin. The first prize for gentlemen was awarded to Robert Woods and the second to John Austin. The cloak room was presided over by Miss Mamie Stephens. The punch bowl was looked after by Miss Eunice Stephens and the tea tables laden with the choicest delicacies of the season, by Mrs. Charles Boston aided by the ladies of the club. Each guest was presented with a rosette as a souvenir of the happy festivities Mrs M Robinson of Douglassville is on the sick list. Miss Ella Dealey is also sick. Miss Cyrena McDowell has returned from St. Louis, where she spent the holidays. Miss Lucy C. Broch and Miss Lula Lewis have returned home after spending the holidays in Pittsfield, Ill. Mr. Gordon Fouche has returned home from Kansas City, Mo., after spending several months of pleasure. He is looking well and is the same old boy. The Young Men's club held their meeting and rehearsal at the A. M. E church Monday evening, Jan. 5. The funeral of Mrs. Mary Kelley was held at the Eighth and Center Street Baptist church under the auspices of Tabernacle and S. M. T, and preached by Rev. C. R. McDowell Ed Hamilton is in the city. Frank Dealey is on the sick list Miss Lula Bush is able to be out again. Mrs. Lena Mason will began meeting at the A. M. E. church Jan. 11th. Everybody is invited to hear this special sermon.

Knights of Pythias Installation.

Natchitoches, La, Special.—Purity Lodge No. 68, K. of P., at its regular monthly meeting, installed the following officers for the ensuing year: J. C. Taylor, C. C.; Curtis Murdick, V. C; Henry Nickles, M of E; J. W. Thomas, M. of F.; E. H. Manning, K. of R. and S.; Charles Faulkner, M. of A; J S. Shannon, M of W. This is one of the most progressive, up-to-date lodges in the city, and with such a corps of efficient officers, we anticipate a brilliant future.



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New York, Jan. 12.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet at 5 points decline; middling uplands, 8.85c; middling gulf, 9.10c. Sales, 2,529 bales.

New Orleans, Jan. 13.—Cotton—Spot steady. Sales, 6,550 bales. Ordinary, 7c; good ordinary, 7½c; low middling, 7 13-16c; middling, 8 7-16c; good middling, 8⅞c; middling fair, 9 9 16c. Receipts, 13,344 bales; stock, 384,457 bales.

New York, Jan. 13.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 8.85c; middling gulf, 9.10c. Sales, 2,000 bales.

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